

Year 5 Spring Information Letter

Dear parents

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and want to take this opportunity to wish you a Happy New Year. Thank you very much for our cards and gifts at Christmas, they were very much appreciated.

Curriculum Overview – Topics

This term we will be working with the children on our topic ‘**Earthling Inventors.**’ The table below gives you an overview of what the children will cover in their learning.

Geography		History	
Food Glorious Food - Where does food come from?		Martin Luther King Early Islamic Civilisation	
Science		RE	
Earth and space Forces and falling objects		5.3 Jesus - Why do Christians believe Jesus was a great teacher? 5.4 Easter - Why do Christians believe that Easter is a celebration of victory?	
Art			
5 elements of art – texture, drawing skills, chalk drawing. Photography – NASA Artist: Monica Aiello			
PE		Music	
Multi-skills Rugby	Gymnastics 2 Tennis	Make You Feel My Love – POP The Fresh Prince Of Bel Air - OLD SCHOOL HIPHOP	
Computing		PSHE	
Databases Game Creator Modelling		My Happy Minds – Appreciate & Relate Modules	

English

We will study a range of different genres to include:

Informal Letters – Titanic, SCI-FI/Space – Pandora film clip, Pixar - Lifted Cosmic by Frank Cottrell Boyce, Novel as a theme – Hugo Cabret and Poems with a structure.

SPAG will continue to play an essential part in the children’s writing and the children will have daily sessions of ‘Spagtastic’ alongside their literacy hour.

Reading

Reading is essential, and as the children are developing their use of grammar and expanding their vocabulary in Year 5, it is important that they continue to read a variety of books to support them in their learning. The children are expected to read for 15 minutes at least 3 times a week, this needs to be signed and a comment about how they read should be written into their reading diary. The children are also encouraged to read to themselves and leave comments in their reading records, discussing what they have read.



Maths

This term we will cover multiplication and division and fractions. Alongside these units the children will continue to practice arithmetic and problem-solving tasks each week.



It is also essential that the children practice their times tables and it is vital that they can recall their times tables instantly, as so much of their mathematical learning in Years 5 and 6 is based upon these. Please allow your children to practice on Mathsframe and Purple Mash – logins can be found in the children's diaries.

Physical Education and Games

Our PE sessions are now on a Wednesday and Friday. For both sessions, the children will need their full PE kits including appropriate footwear (trainers or plimsols).



Homework

Your child will receive new Homework Menus for Spring Term. On the first menu, all tasks will relate to our topic on Space, then after half term, the second menu tasks will relate to Inventions. Your child is encouraged to complete a minimum of one task, however they can complete as many as they wish. Maths and Grammar will be set on Maths.co.uk and SPAG.com each Tuesday with the aim for them to be completed by the following Monday. Weekly spellings also go home on a Friday and are tested on the following Friday. Please ensure your child has their spelling book in school on a Friday for their new spellings to be stuck in.

Useful websites:

SPaG.com: <https://www.spag.com/>
Maths.co.uk: <https://www.maths.co.uk/>
PURPLE MASH: <https://www.2simple.com/purple-mash/>
MathsFrame: <https://mathsframe.co.uk/>



If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the office to arrange a telephone call or meeting with us.

Many thanks for your continued support,
Mrs. L. Dawson & Mrs. L. Hargreaves