

Year 5 Spring 2 2020 Curriculum Letter

Dear Parents,

We hope you have a peaceful and enjoyable break. Here is an outline of what we will cover over the next half term.

	<p>Key question: What is written in the stars? Great work: Creating and making their own 3D planets.</p>
History	We will continue our learning on Space exploration by looking at modern astronomers that have helped shape our understanding of the solar system. We will also look at the role played by the International Space Station in developing our knowledge of space before planning our own expeditions to Mars.
Science	We will continue to study Earth and Space, including: eclipses; moon phases; stars; planets and the solar system.
Maths	We will cover: fractions, decimals and percentages; measuring and converting; geometry – position and direction; statistics; written methods and estimating, drawing and measuring angles. Maths will be linked to Space where possible.
English	In English, the children will be analysing a variety of biographies and autobiographies in preparation for writing their own. During World Book Week, the children will be studying 'Curiosity: The Story of A Mars Rover' by Markus Motum as a stimulus for poetry and creative writing. We will continue to focus on reading comprehension, spelling and grammar weekly.
P.E. and Games	Our focus will be outdoor adventure activities (OAA) and rounders. Children will have the opportunity to develop their striking and fielding skills and, furthermore, their ability to work as part of a team. OAA includes trust games and orienteering.
R.E.	What are the Beatitudes and what do they mean to Christians? What happens at churches during Lent and Easter? We will also be preparing to lead the Easter Service.
Computing	'We are artists'. In this unit, children will explore geometric art taking inspiration from the work of Escher, Riley and traditional Islamic artists, as well as experimenting with complex 'fractal' landscapes.
Art/D.T.	Art based on Space and galaxies. Techniques will include foreshortening and water colours.
Music	The children will be exploring Holst's 'The Planets'. The children will listen, appraise, play instruments, improvise and perform.
French	Our learning focus is sport. The children will look at instruction giving and be able to say how often they do a particular sport.
P.S.H.C.E.	We will be looking at 'Diversity and Communities'. This unit aims to develop the children's sense of personal identity and self-worth, as well as teaching them to respect the needs and views of others.
Trips	Space Author Visit in School (25 th Feb) Science Museum (5L 2 nd Mar, 5W 6 th Mar, 5S 13 th Mar, 5R 17 th Mar)

Maths homework will be given out on Mondays, to be completed for Friday.

Spelling lists will be issued on Wednesdays, to be learned for the following Wednesday in advance of a test.

Finally, Topic/English homework will be given out on Friday to be handed in on Monday after the weekend.

Yours sincerely,

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