

Year 5 Half Termly Letter – Spring 2 2024

Dear parents/carers,
Please find below details of our learning for the half term ahead.

Spring 2 2024	Key question: What are the wonders of space? Great work: Model planets to scale
Maths	In maths, we will be learning about fractions. Within this unit, we will learn how to calculate the fraction of a quantity and multiply unit and non-unit fractions by a whole number. We will then begin our unit on decimals and percentages, where we will learn about equivalent fractions and decimals and find hundredths and thousandths as fractions. Key Vocabulary: <i>fraction, quantity, unit and non-unit fractions, integer, decimals, hundredths, thousandths, equivalent</i>
English	In English, we will be looking at the book 'Curiosity' by Markus Motum; writing diary entries from the perspective of Curiosity the rover. After this, we will be writing recounts of the moon landing and presenting them in a newspaper style article. Key Vocabulary: <i>expanded noun phrases, relative clauses, subheadings, headlines, direct speech, indirect speech, adverbials, parenthesis.</i>
Religious Education	<i>What happens in churches during Easter?</i> In this unit, we will look at the key events during Holy Week and what happens in churches during this time. We will also be preparing to lead the Easter Service. Key Vocabulary: <i>Lent, Easter, salvation, resurrection, rituals, worship, hope</i>
Science	In Science, we will look at the Earth, Moon and Sun; day and night; eclipses and seasons; moon phases; stars; planets and The Solar System. Key Vocabulary: <i>solar system, eclipses, seasons, moon phases, orbits, axis, rotation.</i>
Computing	Our unit is, 'Creating media-Introduction into vector graphics'. We will learn about drawing tools and how they can be used to create different effects. We will also create a vector drawing by combining different shapes. Key Vocabulary: <i>vectors, tools, media, vector graphics, layers, designs</i>
Geography	We will look at the key question, 'What is the Pantanal and what was life like living there?' We will broadly look at where wetland regions are located in the world as well as thinking about what their purpose is in the eco-system. Then, we will focus specifically on where the Pantanal is geographically, what lives there, what its benefits are and why it is so unique. Key Vocabulary: <i>wetlands, region, eco-system, marshes, fertile, floodwaters, Brazil, Bolivia, Paraguay, erosion.</i>
PE	<u>Dodgeball:</u> Within this unit, we will be learning that this is a target game. We will develop our throwing, catching and dodging skills as well as knowing how to work well in a team. <u>Football:</u> We will learn key skills such as, keeping possession of a ball, moving the ball towards a goal and different scoring techniques. Key Vocabulary: <i>throwing, catching, dodging, possession, rules, target, scoring, techniques</i>
PSHE/PATHS/ Relationships and Health Education	In PATHS, we will be learning how to be responsible and take care of others. In RSE, we will be focusing on the unit, 'Care and Responsibility' which links well with our PATHS unit. We will learn about individual care needs and how these may change throughout someone's life and how we can support them. Key Vocabulary: <i>families, caring, responsibility, diversity, relationships</i>
Art	In Art, we will be making a collage and looking at the question, 'How can mixed media be combined to create artwork?' Key Vocabulary: <i>media, collage, composition, retro-futurism, line, tone, hue</i>
Music	This is a six-week unit of work that is focused around exploring and developing playing skills through the djembe drum. We will learn how to play the djembe drum creating different dynamics and tempos. Key Vocabulary: <i>dynamics, tempo, posture, rhythm, duration, rhythmic patterns</i>
Key dates	Wednesday 21st February 2023- Wonder Dome and Space Author visit Thursday 7th March- World Book Day Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th March- Parents evenings Tuesday 26th March- Easter service Thursday 28th March- Last day (2.30pm finish)

Please note your child's PE Days:

5O: Monday and Wednesday

5F: Monday and Wednesday

5K: Wednesday and Friday

Yours sincerely,

Miss O'Sullivan and Ms O'Connell (5O), Mr Kenny (5K) and Mrs Fitzgerald (5F)