



## CURRICULUM OVERVIEW – SPRING TERM – SECOND HALF

### Year 5

Welcome back to school, we hope you had a lovely half term break. Our topic is 'Earth and Space' this half term, always an exciting one for the pupils and us! As much as possible subjects are linked to this theme. More details below.

Many thanks for your continued support. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

**Mrs Kirkman and Mrs Stansfield**

#### English Overview

Our first unit will be a narrative, science fiction, to entertain an identified audience. We will read lots of short science fiction stories, our main class novel is 'Cosmic' by Frank Cottrell Boyce. We will follow this up with some poetry based on space.

**Grammar focusses** - Expanded noun phrases to convey complicated info concisely; blending action and description within a paragraph; linking ideas across paragraphs - adverbials for place; using and -ed and -ing openers.

**Spellings** will continue to be sent home at the end of the week. Please remember to check your child's spelling folder and return it to school on Thursdays.

**Reading Books** Please ensure your child brings their Reading Journal with their book to school every day. We continue to record their progress on the AR scheme in their Journal, please make sure you take the time to read comments and discuss your child's progress with them.

#### Maths Overview

We have units to complete from Spring 1 - Measures – multiplying and dividing numbers by 100, 1000; converting between measures; length; mass; capacity and Geometry – reflection, co-ordinates, translation and angles.

Then we will focus on:

- a) Fractions – improper fractions; mixed numbers; equivalent fractions; adding and subtracting fractions and solving problems involving fractions.
- b) Geometry – regular and irregular shapes; properties of rectangles and nets.
- c) Measurement – volume; area of rectangles; cube numbers and solving problems involving volume.

Please continue to encourage your child with their tables and using TTRS online. This is essential practice for improvement in all areas of maths. We will be having some 'Battles' this half term.



**Other Subjects:**

**Science** – The Earth, Moon, Sun and Solar System.

**Scientists** – Women in space e.g. Helen Sharman

**Computing** – Word processing – alien profile

**Design and Technology** – Sewing skills – designing and making a stuffed alien toy!

**Music** – We will be studying ‘Winter’ from the ‘Four Seasons’ composed by Vivaldi

**Religious Education** – Why do Christians believe that Easter is a celebration of Victory?

**Geography** – Earth – Time zones, European capital cities, map work

**Physical Education** – PE continues to be on Mondays and Wednesdays. Invasion games – Hockey and Creative Games from last half term and multi skills.

**PSHE** – Growing and changing (this unit will include the Year 5 puberty talk by the Life Caravan, more information to follow).

**French** – Out of this world unit – planets

**Sewing:**

If any parents/carers are available to help us with sewing on the following afternoons, please speak to Mrs Kirkman or email Mrs Baron. It would be really appreciated! Thank you.

Tues 19<sup>th</sup> March 1.15pm to 3pm approx.

Wed 20<sup>th</sup> March 1.15pm to 3pm approx.

**Dates:**

Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb – Valentines Disco

Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Feb – Tempest Photographs

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day Rainbow Day

Wed 6<sup>th</sup> March – Y5 Day at Brennands

Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> March – Let’s Go Sing Concert

Fri 8<sup>th</sup> March – Biggest ever girls football event

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> March – Red Nose Day, Y5 Puberty talk,

PTA Chocolate Bingo event

Week Beginning 18<sup>th</sup> March – Assessment week

and PTA Easter Egg Raffle Tickets go on sale

Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Church Service (Not Y5)

and school closes for Easter holidays

**Homework** – will continue to be set on a Thursday. Starting this week with a reading comprehension and a MyMaths Task. Next week it will be the Topic choice grid. Please ensure your child’s homework book is back in school.

**Our Class Rainbow Value is:**

Achievement