



## CURRICULUM OVERVIEW – SPRING TERM – SECOND HALF

### Year 5

Welcome back to school, we hope you had a lovely half term break. Our topic is 'Earthlings' 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 'George's Secret Key to the Universe' by Stephen and Lucy Hawking. Following this, our second unit is a non-fiction piece of writing – creating an information booklet about 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 identifying brackets and commas for parenthesis in formal writing.

**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. Children should still be reading aloud at home, please have a discussion with your child about what they are reading and record in their Reading Journal. A set of useful questions has been stuck in the back of their reading journal to help you ask the right level of questions to help your child.

#### Maths Overview

This half term the focus is 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 – liquid volume; area of rectangles; solid volume; cube numbers and solving problems involving volume.
- d) Statistics – tables and graphs; sorting diagrams; mode, median, range and solving problems using data sets.
- e) Problem solving including Bar Modelling – missing number problems; multiplication, division and fraction problems

Please continue to encourage your child with their tables and using TTRS online. This is essential practice for improvement in all areas of maths.



**Other Subjects:**

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

**Computing** – We are continuing with Coding

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

**Music** – Children will experiment with creating ‘out of this world’ sounds and developing an understanding of the impact of special effects. Investigating the music of renowned film composer John Williams.

**Religious Education** – Victory and Easter

**Physical Education** – PE continues to be on Mondays and Wednesdays, with curling and aerobics/fitness.

**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 – identity and 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.

Wed 8<sup>th</sup> March 1.15pm to 3pm approx.

Tues 21<sup>st</sup> March 1.15pm to 3pm approx.

**Dates:**

Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Feb – PTA Sponsored Bounce

Wed 1<sup>st</sup> March – School photos

Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> March – World Book Day

Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> March – Life Caravan Puberty Talk

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> March – Choir Let’s Go Sing Concert

Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> March – PTA Easter Disco

Fri 31<sup>st</sup> March – School closes for Easter

**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