

Spring 2025 - Year 5

Newsletter 3

Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the Christmas break. We hope you have all had an enjoyable holiday and a very Happy New Year to everyone.

Mrs Burns and Miss Harrison will continue to work with us as our classroom assistants. Mrs Gelly will teach the class on Mondays and Tuesdays. After break on a Wednesday, we have the opportunity to team teach (Mrs Hoodless and Mrs Gelly). Mrs Forster will carry on with teaching Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar first thing on Wednesday mornings and Mrs Hoodless will teach on Wednesday afternoon, Thursday and Friday.

Our topic for the first half term is 'The Solar System'. We will be exploring the Earth in space in science and in art we shall be investigating the work of Peter Thorpe, a space artist. In music we shall be listening to space themed music by different composers and having a go at composing space themed music. The topic web will show you how the different areas of the curriculum are linked.

In English our text for whole class guided reading is Cosmic by Frank Cottrell -Boyce. This is a very different style of literature from our previous texts with plenty of opportunities for different writing tasks including writing our own space themed story.

In RE we will be looking at communities answering the question - Does the community of the mosque help Muslims lead better lives? In PSHE we will be looking at recognising and developing strengths and skills. In maths we will be following our White Rose scheme starting with multiplication and division. We will be studying Ancient Greece in history using an enquiry approach to explore historical questions.

PE will still be on **Mondays** and **Wednesdays** and the children will need to come to school in their full **school** PE kits on these days. If your child cannot remove stud earrings (hoops are not suitable for school) they should come to school without them. Please ensure your child comes into school in their school shoes and brings in trainers to change into for P.E. This will mean they have spare shoes in case of rain/snow etc. We will be working on Bollywood dance with Mrs Hoodless and building up stamina with circuit training with Mrs Gelly.

Homework will be set on a **Friday** and needs to be returned by the following **Wednesday**. Spellings will be set on Edshed every **Friday** and tested on the following **Friday**. We will continue with the times tables challenge on Mondays.

We hope you find the above information clear. If you have any queries, please feel free to pop in and see us or make an appointment at the office.

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Science

Earth and Space

The solar system: relative sizes of the planets, Earth, Sun and Moon. Night and day and the seasons Years, months, seasons

French

Les Planètes

Numbers to 60

School subjects

PE

Bollywood dance

Circuit training

Art

Abstract art in the style of Peter Thorpe

The Solar System

History

Ancient Greece – Olympics, women in Ancient Greece, Greek democracy, a history mystery and architecture

Music

Holst: The Planet Suite
Journey into space – composition.

English

Cosmic by Frank Cottrell Boyce as stimulus for different types of writing including character studies, diary recounts and formal letters.

RE

Communities- Does the community of the mosque help Muslims lead better lives?