

# Curriculum Newsletter

## Autumn Term ~ Year 5&6

Hello! A big welcome back to children and parents. As we start our new school year, please utilize this newsletter to question your children on what they have been learning.

This term the children will undertake a project on **Space**. Parents, if you have any skills, resources or experiences that you could share with us on this topic that may aid us in our learning intentions, we would love for you to share them.

In our PROJECT lessons, we will explore Space. While traditionally taught the topic of Space in science lessons, Space will be expanded. We will investigate the history of space travel and astronomy from the earlier astronomers, such as, Galileo, to space pioneers like Neil Armstrong. Using our class novel, Orion Lost by Alistair Chisholm, we will discover the tools and the wills required to inhabit another world.

In mathematics, we will be going 'back to basics', in particular we will be focusing on place value and the four operations of calculation. Knowledge of multiplication facts is crucial for children to be able to progress well in later units, so please encourage your child to access TT Rockstars and Prodigy regularly to maintain their skills.

English learning will focus on writing a narrative looking at what happened before Chapter 1 of our class novel, Orion Lost, and subsequently, write a diary from the perspective of the main character of the book. Children will be introduced to, or recap, key grammar skills to aid in their writing, such as, relative clauses and varying sentence types. This will reacquaint them to the writing process and increase their stamina of writing.

In science, Earth and Space is our subject. Linking with our PROJECT, this will further knowledge covered in year 3/4, and allow for some interesting practical lessons and a chance to create a scale model of the solar system!

The children will be forming a company, a space-faring company that has been tasked with finding out everything necessary in travelling to and settling on another planet. They will have to have to endure various obstacles to ensure they reach the new planet.

PSHE will include using our new scheme, Jigsaw. Using familiar resources and styles, the children will learn, discuss and think about Being in my World: their place in it and what they can do.

In PE, the children will undertake various activities, led by Premier Education, to build up stamina and strength as well as playing as part of a team.

Kind regards, Mr. J Anderson & Mrs. R Damarell

### Reminder:

- Please continue to engage with Class Dojo to keep up to date on what is happening in school and in class.
- Please ensure that your children are reading regularly at home and encourage them to challenge themselves with different texts. Reading records will be reviewed every Tuesday & Wednesday, though please ensure your child brings it with them every day.
- Please encourage children to interact with TT Rockstars and Maths Prodigy to maintain fluency in mathematics.

### Messages:

P.E will take place on Thursday  
Children are to attend school in their P.E kit, which will be worn all day.

Please **do not** bring P.E kits in as you would have done previously and ensure that school uniform is followed

As we approach the autumn and winter months, please take this into consideration and dress them in warmer clothes.