

Reading

This term we will be reading the book *Cosmic* by Frank Cottrell Boyce. This will drive our planning, however we will be making comparisons to other books and types of writing too. We will be enhancing the children's skills to accurately punctuate sentences, use a variety of sentence order and choose the right homophone. We want to build upon their positive attitudes towards reading by sharing thought-provoking texts and extracts.

We expect children to be reading daily. Please sign your child's diary to show that they are reading at home.

Writing

In English lessons, your child will be taught skills which we will then expect them to independently apply in other subjects. Grammar will be taught discretely and explicitly, enabling children to use appropriate forms and identify grammatical features. We will be using the No Nonsense spelling scheme and send spellings home weekly.



Maths

We will be working on division and multiplication in more detail this term. We want children to independently apply methods to reasoning and problem solving activities. Please encourage your child to go onto Times Tables Rockstars, it is a fantastic resource - we will be monitoring your child's usage.

Topic: History, Geography, Art & DT

Our topic books will contain elements of all subject areas. All children will have the opportunity to independently use skills that they have been taught in English and Maths. We want children to become Historians, Geographers and Designers in their own right! Using skills of enquiry, children will investigate how machines work.

If you have a broken toaster, or any other household gadget, please could we have it? We would love to find out what is going on inside!
Thank you.

RE

During this term, we will be focusing on **believing**. Children will consider religious beliefs, teachings and sources as well as questions about meaning, purpose and truth.

The religions we will be exploring this year are: Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism and Judaism.

Science

We will be focusing on working scientifically by planning experiments and making predictions. Our topics will be Space and Machinery. We want to explore the unknown and develop skills of enquiry.

Computing

This term we will be teaching the following: use of the internet to research and analyse information as well as ways to present data and information.



Year 5 Spring Term Newsletter



Happy New Year!

We hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas and enjoyed spending quality time together.

The staff working with your children this year are: Mrs Jordan, Mr Thwaites, Mrs Harper and Mrs Clewitt.

Children will also be taught by Mrs Duckworth, Mrs Lindley and Mr Roberts.

Dates for your diary

Monday 7th January	- children return to school
Thursday 14th February	- Half Term (Friday 15th is a training day)
Monday 25th February	- Return to school
Thursday 7th March	- World Book Day
Friday 12th April	- End of term

Homework Support

Children will be using CGP workbooks for homework. They are in line with the Year 5 National Expectations, however, if you feel that your child is struggling or not finding the homework challenging, please do not hesitate to come and see us. Teachers will be available during certain assemblies and lunchtimes to assist the children with the completion of their homework. They will be encouraged to come and ask for support prior to the hand in date. We do expect each child to complete two pieces of homework a week and read every day.

Equipment & Uniform

Please ensure that your child has a black pen, pencil, ruler and rubber in school every day. We are finding that pens and pencils disappear very quickly and would encourage that children label their property so that it can be returned to them.

We operate an open door policy; should you ever have any concerns please do not hesitate to come and see us before or after school. However, if you feel you need a longer chat, please make an appointment at the office.

Mrs Jordan & Mr Thwaites