

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the Spring Term of your child's Year 5. The learning for Year 5 has already been planned to fit in with the whole school curriculum.

The first half of the term will be based around the Science topic 'Earth and Space'. Our visit to the Science Museum on will enable us to find out more about this fascinating topic, as well as the science work that we will be doing. In Art we will be developing our drawing skills, taking inspiration from various artists who have created space landscapes.

In Literacy, we will be learning about suspense writing and later in the term, our discussion writing as we find out about some of the influential figures involved in the space race during the 1960s. Spellings will be issued every week, as well as being practised in class.

We will continue to use the Herts for Learning Maths programme to help our learning. At home it would be very useful if you can help with revision of fractions work. There are some excellent resources for this on the Oak National website. These do not need to be done in one go but a couple of times a week at home using these will help all of the children secure these concepts:

Ordering fractions : [Ordering fractions \(thenational.academy\)](https://www.thenational.academy/)

Factors and multiples (useful for converting fractions) [Factors and multiples \(thenational.academy\)](https://www.thenational.academy/)

Simplifying fractions : [Simplifying fractions \(thenational.academy\)](https://www.thenational.academy/)

In PE we will be learning Orienteering and Dance. These take place on Tuesdays and Fridays. Please ensure that your child has suitable PE kit available in school on both days. This should include a complete change of clothes:

- For outside – track suit and old trainers – it could be muddy !
- For inside – shorts and T - shirt – as per our Uniform Policy on the school website.

In Music we will be singing and playing music based upon the Charanga programme.

Later in the term, we will be learning about our local region of Hertfordshire and other counties within Britain. In RE this term we will learn about different ideas about God, and the relevance of the period leading up to Easter/Passover in both Judaism and Christianity.

Our class assembly is on Friday 2nd February. We look forward to seeing you then. Please do contact us via the School Office if there is anything you would like to discuss.

Mrs Billing, Mrs Clark, Mrs Franklin.