

Year 5 Curricular Letter

Spring Term 2

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! Once again, thank you for your continued support over the first half of the academic year. Last half term was absolutely brilliant! We could not be more impressed by the children's continued attitudes of determination, perseverance and positivity. We were blown away with all of the homework that was brought in at the end of the last half term, especially the Viking shields, jewellery and the models of mythical beasts. It was clear to see how much effort had gone into producing work of such creativity and of such a high standard. Well done Year 5 and keep up the great work!

The next half term is filled with opportunities and experiences centred around our topic 'When does Science Fiction become Science?' stemming from our learning of Earth and Space in Science. Much of our work across the curriculum will relate to this. Please note a change to our PE day this half term. The children will now have their PE session on a Thursday afternoon, as well as their Swimming lesson on a Friday afternoon.

If you have any queries, concerns, or simply a question, please do not hesitate to send us an email. We will be more than happy to help!

Our email addresses are t.norris@st-georges.lancs.sch.uk and k.blackledge@st-georges.lancs.sch.uk.

Thank you for your continued support!

This half term our topic is '**Earth and Space**'. Please take some time to talk to your children about the topic, read books and stories, watch programmes and think of some questions they can explore in class. See the bottom of the letter for recommended reads for the half term.

The Half Term Ahead

English - Can I inform and entertain with my newspaper report?

Computing - What issues can arise from posting online?

PE - What does it take to be a gymnast?

Science - How old would I be on another planet?

RE - Why do Christians believe that Easter is a celebration of victory?

French - Le supermarché s'il vous plaît?

Music - Can I sing in a performance to entertain?

Art - How can different media work together in one piece of art?

PSHE - How can our choices make a difference to others and the environment??

Days to Remember

Thursday

PE - Please ensure your child comes to school each Thursday in their full school PE kit.

Friday

Swimming - please ensure children bring a separate bag with their things in.

Spelling and Timetable tests

Subjects

Literacy

Initially, we will be focussing on recount writing and will write our own Newspaper Reports about a recent alien invasion.

We will then move on to

Science Fiction writing. The children will be reading a range of high quality Sci-Fi extracts, as well as watching short film clips, in order to write their own short Science Fiction story. Their writing will mainly focus on the build-up and creating suspense.

Recommended Books around Our Topic

- The 1000 Year Old Boy - Ross Welford
- Space Detectives - Mark Power and Dapo Adeola
- Orion Lost - Alastair Chisholm
- Space Boy - David Walliams
- The Girl of Ink and Stars - Kiran Millwood Hargrave

Reading

Everyday your child will take part in a Guided Reading lesson where they will be responding to a range of activities based upon the chosen text. Your child also has the responsibility to change their reading book when they have finished their home reader. If your child also reads their own books at home, please note this within their reading records. Your child also has access to 'Bug Club' where they have a range of books to choose from. The login for this website is in your child's blue ICT folder.

Spellings

Spellings will be sent home on a Friday to practise for a test on the following Friday. The words will be the basis of our spelling sessions throughout the week when spelling rules and patterns will be discussed and learnt. Your child will also be set assignments on Spelling Shed based on the spelling rules that they have learnt. We will continue to test 8 spellings from the most recent weekly list and 2 spellings from previous weeks.

Maths

We continue to use the Maths No Problem scheme in school with great success. We will be starting with fractions and then move on to decimals and percentages. Children will continue to practice their multiplication tables in class (being tested weekly) and using the Times Tables Rockstars App. Your support of this, at home, is much appreciated. Just as phonics is a key to unlocking reading, rapid recall of multiplication facts unlocks maths for children and underpins all learning.

Homework

Homework will continue to be sent out half termly - each half term you will receive a home learning menu. As explained on the menu, you must complete the Maths and English activities as well as one RE activity. The rest is up to you. The homework menu will allow you to be creative and imaginative in what you decide to produce.

Homework due in - Monday 25th March 2024

We looking forward to seeing the children continue to develop and grow over the next half term. We have got some exciting topics and activities planned which we cannot wait to start!

Many thanks,

Miss Blackledge and Mr Norris
Year 5 Teachers

Nicola Cook
Assistant Headteacher