



Class 5 Curricular Letter

Spring 1



Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to you all. I hope you managed peaceful, restful and happy time over the festive break. Class 5 have thoroughly enjoyed their first week back and have shown their same great, positive and enthusiastic attitude as last term. And what a week it has been! A pantomime, the eagerly awaited arrival of our class trout and the surprise arrival of a Space Rocket in class! The children were amazed to find the classroom had been transformed into Space, with a journey around the galaxy on the big screen and a carousel of learning hubs around the room for the children to watch clips of the first moon landing, rockets blasting off into space, live footage from the ISS as well as incredible space jumps and space walks! The children are all really excited about our 'Space filled' term ahead!

Thank you for all your hard work with the children at home, both with their homework and their spellings. I was really impressed by all the homework that was posted onto Seesaw and brought into school at the end of the last half term, it was clear to see how much effort had gone into such creativity.



Our topic this half term is "Could you go on holiday to the moon?" We will be reading stories set in Space and writing our own fiction and non-fiction texts. In our History lessons, we will learn about the first moon landing and compare it with Time Peake's time on the International Space Station. In Science, the children will be looking at what plants and animals need in order to survive and we will be asking "Could a trout survive on the moon?" In Art, we will study the out-of-this-world Art of Peter Thorpe, creating our own work inspired by his techniques. The children will also create their own Space-themed movie trailer in Computing. All very exciting!

Please find below information about what Class 5 are learning this half term.

Homework

Homework will continue to be sent out to you half termly - each half term you will receive a Homework Menu. As explained on the Menu, you must complete the Maths, English and RE activities but you can choose any two options from the other choices across the curriculum. The Homework Menu will allow you to be creative and imaginative in what you decide to produce. The hand in date for the activities this half term will be 6th February and the Homework Menu has been sent out tonight with this letter. I look forward to seeing all the incredible work the children will produce, and of course, please join in and have fun with your child's learning.

Spellings

Spellings will be given out every Friday and will be tested the following Friday. The spellings given will link to the teaching that we are doing in class. Please also remember to log in to Spelling Shed at home using the login details in your digital password folder. This is a fantastic resource to practise spellings and spelling patterns that we have been looking at in class.

Reading

In Guided Reading, Year 2 will continue to develop their reading skills. This will include word reading and understanding the text. Please make sure your child's book bag is in school **every day**. Your child will also have access to more reading books on Bug Club. You can help by:

- ❖ Reading and discussing books on a regular basis to consolidate your child's development. As little as 10 minutes a night makes a huge difference!
- ❖ Access books online on Bug Club: full of wonderful books at your child's reading level.

We will be looking also to develop our vocabulary. You can help by:

- ❖ Focusing on reading for meaning - predicting what will happen in the story and why, and also thinking about the characters feelings. Questions such as 'What do you think . . . will do next?' 'What could happen here?' 'How will that make each character feel?' will help children to develop their reading skills

This half term, I will be placing a massive focus on reading. It really is the most important thing we teach at St. Georges. I will be looking to award reading certificates for those children who demonstrate that they are reading daily.

Literacy

Our first Literacy unit will see us reading, enjoying and analysing a whole range of stories and poems set in Space. We will use role play and drama to show our understanding of the text and justify our reasons for giving opinions as well as making inferences about characters. We will use our fantastic knowledge of adjectives from previous units to create brilliant noun phrases and we will learn how to write in the past tense. We will continue to practise all of the reading and writing skills that we have learned so far. To support your child at home, you could read both fiction and non-fiction books about Space. Later in the half term, we will write a recount of the first moon landing.

Maths

Class 5 will continue to develop their mathematical skills and knowledge through whole class teaching, group activities and independent tasks. During this half term, we will continue looking at Fractions before revisiting Measurement and Place Value. Maths homework will focus on the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

You can help by:

- ❖ Encouraging your child to practise and develop their knowledge of times tables at home. Numberblocks (5-10 minute episodes) on BBC iPlayer, have some really catchy songs to help learn the times tables. Also, play games on <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>
- ❖ Encourage your child to count forwards and backwards in 2s, 5s and 10s from any given number between 1-100.

The Half term Ahead

PSHE

How can I keep myself safe?

History

Could you go on holiday to the Moon?

Music

How does music teach us about the past?

English

Could I become a published author?

Art

What does Space look like to you?

Science

Could a trout live on the moon?

RE

The Bible - Why is it such a special book?

English

Could I write an online diary from Space?

PE

What makes a good performance?

Computing

Who makes movie trailers?

Days to Remember

Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Mrs Fothergill teaches RE and Maths in the morning.
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">PE Day
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Spelling and number skills quiz from previous week's list.New spellings and number skills focus given out.

- Please continue to send your child to school in their PE kit every Thursday. This should be a plain red top or St George's PE top and plain black shorts or joggers with pumps/trainers.
- Please also send a water bottle to school with your child every day.

Dates for your diary

Friday 6th February - Homework hand in date.

Sunday 8th February - Education Sunday at St George's Church.

If you have any queries, concerns, or simply a question, please don't hesitate to call or email me.
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Best wishes and many thanks,

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