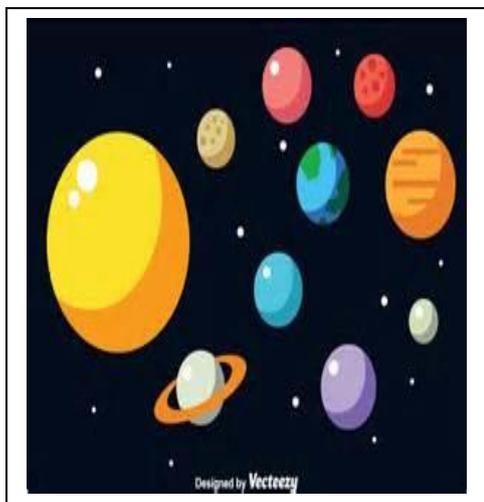


Y5 Newsletter

Stargazers.



Topic

This half term we will journey through space, the final frontier...Navigate beyond the sun; the magnificent blazing star at the centre of our solar system. Through science we will investigate the 8 planets: Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune and take a look at the moon (a celestial body that orbits Earth).

We plan to work scientifically to study gravity and what happens when there is none! Through music and dance, we will investigate our solar system further. Our trip to Leicester Space centre will complete what is set to be an exciting topic for year 5!

English

In English we will be looking at modern fiction, linked to narrative. Our core story and English text will be *George's Key to the Universe* by Lucy and Stephen Hawking. We will also look at *The Way Home* by Oliver Jeffers.

We will move onto writing poetry linked to our space topic. Guided reading activities will continue to take place daily and a core story is read every afternoon. We will continue to work on handwriting; specifically for those needing assistance in developing a consistent and joined-up style.

Maths

We are continuing with the maths blast this half term -focusing on mental maths. Ask your child what they have been learning.

Subtraction continues to be the biggest priority for the class. We will also be looking at statistics, then moving on to shape and translations.

Keep practising those times tables. (6x,7x,8x,9x)

Reminders

PE kits need to be in school each Monday morning and stay in school all week. PE will now take place on alternate Mondays and Fridays. Swimming will be continuing on Thursday afternoons.

Please remind your child to bring their reading record to school every day. Teachers need them to write in their focus from guided reading. Children reading at home three times per week will receive a raffle ticket and prizes will be drawn at intervals throughout the half term.

A list of spellings are sent home each Wednesday and children will be tested the following Wednesday. Please encourage your child to practise regularly at home.

Homework menus will be sent out for the topic and homework is checked on Wednesdays.

Our class trip to Leister Space Centre in on Wednesday the 18th of January.

Our class assembly for parents is on Friday 3rd February at 9am.