

Year 5 Spring Newsletter 2017

Miss O'Donnell

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year with your families. We are going to be working very hard in 2017 and we have lots of exciting things to look forward to.

Science:

This half term our topic is Space, with a focus on science, where we will be looking at Earth and Space and learning all about the solar system. Children will find fascinating facts about the Sun, Moon and Earth and develop an understanding of day and night, the four seasons and the Moon's phases. We will investigate the Sun and the planets making up our Solar System, along with the other stars in their constellation

Maths:

In maths, we will be looking at place value in 6 digit numbers. The children will be finding the perimeter and area of different shapes. We will be learning to plot points on a grid, find coordinates and draw line graphs as well as further work on the four operations. There is a times table test every Friday morning so it is important that the children learn their times tables as often as possible to make sure they are confident with them.

Literacy:

In literacy, we will be doing lots of work on Space including police reports, newspaper articles and recounts. We will be studying the book Tuesday by David Wiesner as well as doing some nonfiction work on Apollo 13. We are a cursive handwriting school so all children are encouraged to practise this in all subjects.

RE:

In RE our topic this term is Inspirational People. We will be looking at the characteristics of an Inspirational Person and the children will be thinking about who inspires them in their lives and who helps them to be the best person they can be.

Music

Every Monday, Mr Winstanley from the MAPAS organisation will be working with the children in Music.

PE:

We will have PE every Thursday afternoon so can the children please make sure they bring in their PE kits.

Reading:

The children should be reading for at least ten minutes at home, every evening. Reading records will be checked and stamped each morning to make sure parents have signed it.

Homework:

Homework will be given out on a Friday to be completed and returned by the following Wednesday. Your child will be given weekly spellings every Friday, along with their homework. These are to be learnt at home and we will have a spelling test the following Friday in school.

Class Pets:

We have three Egyptian gerbils in Year 5. They are very friendly and the children love the responsibility of looking after their very own class pets. If anyone is interested in looking after the gerbils over half term please let me know.

Useful websites:

Here is a list of really useful websites with free games and activities that you can introduce to your child to supplement their learning:

[BBC Spellits](#) (Spelling games) (KS2)

[BBC Bitesize](#) (Spelling and grammar) (KS2)

[Arcademic Skill Builders](#) (Literacy and maths games) (KS1 & KS2)

[Crickweb](#) (Literacy and maths educational games) (KS2)

[Kids Spell](#) (Create your own spelling lists & games) (KS1 & KS2)

[Fun Brain](#) (Maths, reading and spelling games) (KS1 & KS2)

[Learning Games for Kids](#) (Spelling and word games) (KS1 & KS2)

[Eduplace.com](#) (Levelled spelling and vocabulary games) (KS1 & KS2)

[PrimaryGames.com](#) (Spelling rules, incl. vowels, blends, plurals etc) (KS1 & KS2)

[ICT Games.com](#) (Look, cover, check game) (KS1 & KS2)

[Manythings.org](#) (Aimed at ESL students but includes useful spelling & vocabulary games) (KS2)

[Spelling city](#) (Vocabulary and spelling interactive activities, printable worksheets, games) (KS2)