

English: We are Readers and Authors

This half term, we will be reading the text 'Cosmic' by Frank Cottrell Boyce before writing our own stories. We will be focusing on sentence structure and descriptive devices before writing our own narratives. Later in the term, we will be using a 'transmission' from Mars to inspire our own scripts for radio transmissions. We will also be applying our author skills in real life contexts as a scientist and narrator to write and perform a documentary script.

Weekly spellings: Spelling lists will be issued on a Monday and tested on a Friday. The spellings will link to the spelling patterns being taught in class. Please encourage your child to practise their spellings each evening and to learn the words from the statutory word lists.

Reading: We shall be reading 'Cosmic' by Frank Cottrell Boyce.

How can you help at home? Listen to your child read at least five times a week; share a book or a text with your child and talk about actions, characters, reasons for their behaviour. Read other fiction texts and make links and comparisons. Encourage your child to write – this could be a letter, a diary, a shopping list. Complete the library reading challenge.

RE: We are Philosophers

Christianity: How did the Church begin and where is it now?

Our value for this half term: Respect

PE: We are Athletes

Outdoor Games: Basketball

Indoor PE: Dance

Children should come to school wearing their PE kit on their PE day

5SJ – Monday and Thursday

6SP – Tuesday and Friday

Ask your child:

What have you been today?

How have you been a mathematician or an author today?

What have you enjoyed being today and what did you learn?



Year 5 & 6 Curriculum Map Autumn 1

What does the Earth look like

from the Solar System?

Important dates:

- 1st – 4th September - INSET Days
- 7th September – Year 5 poetry workshop
- 12th September 2:45pm - Y5 Parent Welcome Meeting
- 13th September 2:45pm - Y6 Parent Welcome Meeting and Residential Info Meeting
- 20th September Year 5 & 6 Trip
- 11th – 13th October - Y6 Residential
- 17th and 19th October- Parents Evening
- 20th October – INSET Day

Enquiry: Scientist, Geographer and Artist

What does the Earth look like from the Solar System?

This half term, we will be learning about the movement of the Earth and other planets and use their skills as an artist to portray space.

Home Engagement:

When at home, discuss the size of the moon over different days, how is it changing?

What is the difference between waxing and waning?

Listen to Gustav Holst: The Planets - how are they represented differently?

French: We are Linguists

The Planet: Names, Comparing size and distance.

Maths: We are Mathematicians

This half term we will be focusing on the place value of numbers as well as formal and informal methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. The children will also tackle mathematical challenges, applying their skills, where they will need to show a positive mindset and resilience. We will also focus on the children's understanding and use of mathematical language in their written mathematical explanations.

How you can help at home? Help your child apply their maths in practical situations. Let them help you measure the garden, budget for the weekly shopping or read the bus timetable. Help your child regularly practice their number bond knowledge, times tables and associated division facts.

Wellbeing: We are Philosophers

This half term, Year 5 and 6 will be thinking about relationships, values and customs through the story, 'Mum and Dad Glue' by Kes Gray.

Computing: We are Engineers: Data Logging

Children will ask questions and collect data using a data logger before downloading and analysing the data explaining what it shows.

Homework

The homework policy is currently under review and a letter to parents will be sent out at the beginning of the Autumn term.

