

Class 5 Curriculum Update

Friday 27th January 2023

Monthly values – 'Tolerance' and 'Fairness'



'Mission Control'

Since returning to school after the Christmas break, we have been focusing on our theme, which is all about 'Space'. After looking at various pieces of evidence, including videos and photos, the children have been writing a biography of the life of Neil Armstrong and what an amazing achievement it was to go to the moon. We have also been using the moon as inspiration for various art projects. The children have been great at developing their exploratory skills with using different combinations of resources for different effects, such as mixing paints, oils, food colourings, shaving foam, pastels, charcoal, chalk etc.

Our science work at the moment is also linked to space. We have been learning about the orbits and relative sizes of the sun, moon and Earth and how they interact with each other to give us definitions of a day, a month and a year. The children have also written their own mnemonics to help them remember the order of the planets from the sun - see if they can still remember their silly sentences they created!

Hereford Academy

On 17th January, we went to Hereford Academy to use their facilities. We were able to learn more about 'colour' in a science laboratory and got to use acids and alkalis. The children were also able to use the food technology resources to create their own bircher muesli, which I hope tasted good at home!



Residential week

I am sure those that are going will have an amazing time away. There will be a mixture of nerves and excitement beforehand but I know they will come back with plenty of stories and experiences to share with you. Those that are staying at school for that week will also have plenty of interesting activities so hopefully it will be a good week for everyone.

Please feel free to speak to me (in person, by phone or e-mail) if you have any concerns or worries regarding your child.

Thank you, Mr Ford, Mr Batstone and the Year 5 team.



Homework

Please ensure that all children are practising regularly both their times tables and their weekly spelling lists. SpellingShed and TTRockstars are both set up every week to use at home but if you prefer then they can practise with pen and paper. The most important thing is to practise in a way that suits your child.

Reading should also be done throughout the week as this helps to develop comprehension skills, vocabulary and grammar. Reading can take the form of anything (comics, novels, non-fiction, football reports, recipes etc.) but should be something that your child gets pleasure from. Thank you.

