

Year 5 Curriculum Update

January 2024

Values: Hope and Care

What a lovely start to the Spring Term we have had. Within just a few days of returning to school, we have had so many lovely experiences and have so much planned for the term ahead. The Values of hope and care have been explored by the children already and have shown what a thoughtful and reflective class they are through their discussions and actions on the two important Values.

'Mission Control'

The term has started off with a blast as we launched in to some astronaut training. The children have been put through memory tests, agility tests, special awareness tests and a range of problem solving challenges. The children approached these with enthusiasm and I am pleased to report they have all passed! ☺ As designers, the class have also built and attempted to launch a rocket but this is something we develop later in the term because we have only managed land rockets so far. As the term progresses we will learn more about our Solar System, about the history of space travel and about significant people in this area. We have also started to read Phoenix as our class text after the children had a vote on which book they would like to listen to this half term.



How can you help at home?

We are not able to observe the night sky at school so if there is any opportunity for your children to do some star gazing or observe the skies at night, in the evening or in the morning please allow them and encourage them to do so. What awe and wonder can they see? There are also apps that you can download that will map the skies for them and show them the stars, constellations and planet positions.

Homework & 40 reads

This continues to be the same with regular games on TT Rockstars and Spelling Shed. Daily reading, which must be recorded in their school diaries, and an occasional research homework - the children will be responsible for recording this in their diaries.



Dates for the diary

Fri 12th Jan - Space Dome visiting school.

Mon 15th Jan - Mountain Climb – A Parentmail has been sent detailing everything the children need.

Thurs 25th Jan – Young Voices concert

Alternate Monday's will be Forest School. Next one is 29th January.

PE day: Tuesday and Friday.

Mon 5th Feb – Residential Week – details have been sent via Parentmail and more information will be sent in the coming weeks.

Spring Term

As mathematicians, we will be developing our methods for multiplication. We are progressing to multiplying 2 and 3 digit numbers by 2 digit numbers and have shown an understanding that a secure recall of multiplication facts is needed.

As linguists, we will continue to build our vocabulary so that we can have simple conversations about our day and how we feel, about the foods we eat, the pets we have and some of our favourites too.

As writers, we will be writing a range of texts with a main focus on non-fiction where we share facts about planets, astronauts, and write in the style of a newspaper to report on events through the history of space travel. We have already written some poems about Space.



If you have any concerns or queries please do not hesitate to make contact. It is also lovely to hear about the lovely experiences too so thank you to parents that shared and emailed about the enjoyment the children got from their learning last term especially baking the Native American bread!

Kind regards, Mrs Lee and the Year 5 Team