

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is lovely to see the children back refreshed after a well-earned break. We are very excited to be starting our new term and have lots planned.

**Our topic: Starlight.** Our topic for the Summer term is 'Starlight' which has a large science focus. Before half term we will be mainly focusing on the solar system, looking closely at the sun, our moon and planets. We will be learning about gravity and why days, years and seasons occur. After half term we will go on to find out more about light and how it travels.

**English:** Our topic theme leads our learning in our non-core subjects and this is the case with our English work, also. We use topic-based books in our guided reading sessions and to improve our spelling and expand our vocabulary. Our writing will be inspired by our topic 'Starlight' which will see the class study Science-Fiction stories in order to inspire our own tales. Other writing text-types will include: non-chronological reports, explanations, persuasive and balanced arguments, letters, instructions, newspaper reports and poetry.

**Maths:** This term's maths work will focus on number problem solving using the four operations, properties of shape, interpreting data, becoming more confident with decimals, fractions and percentages, measures, symmetry, probability pattern and sequences.

**Trips and visitors:** We are very pleased to have arranged a visit to Jodrell Bank (very cool!) to learn more about our topic. This will take place on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June and you will receive more details closer to the time. If any of you are – or know of any – space experts or enthusiasts and want to impart your knowledge to our pupils, we would love to have you into school to talk to the children. Please just let us know.

**Clothes or equipment:** It is vital that your child receives quality physical education so that they can develop their fine and gross motor skills, their spatial awareness, hand/eye coordination as well as maintain a healthy lifestyle. In order to do this, your child *must be in correct PE kit* for both sessions each week. Please ensure they have: a *white t-shirt, dark shorts or bottoms, plimsolls or trainers. Long hair must be tied back. Jewellery must be removed.* If your child is unable to take part in a PE lesson, please contact the office, see a member of the classroom staff or write a note. Please note that if your child takes part in lunchtime or afterschool sports clubs such as football or rugby, they will need a separate change of clothes for this to ensure they have a clean set for every PE lesson. One of our PE days has changed. Please see the reverse for more details.

**How you can help:** You will receive a separate homework leaflet with details about our big homework project this half term and ideas for other activities you can do together at home. Please remember that the most important homework you can do is reading together regularly, practising phonics and spellings and helping children to learn facts for their Maths Passport targets.

We are always interested in how children are getting on with their learning at home and want to work with you to keep your child safe, happy and learning well. Feel free to arrange to see us by catching us at the start or the end of the day or by asking at the office to make an appointment.

We look forward to a great term.

Thank you

Year 5 Staff

Staff working in class this half term	PE Days	Reading book day	Maths Passport day	Spelling day	Library book day
Mr Davies, Miss Nicol, Mrs Swiers, Mr Nash, Mrs Maver, Ms Virgin and Ms Earle	Wednesday and Thursday	Everyday	Wednesday Friday	Friday	Friday