

April 2024

Summer Term: Year 5

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely Easter break. The children have returned to school with lots of energy. Nicola, Ciino and I are excited to channel that energy into a productive term of learning.

Key Dates

30th April – Into University Focus Day

2nd May – Fire Safety Workshop

9th May – Junior Roadwatch (children work with the Met Police to educate speeding motorists in the area).

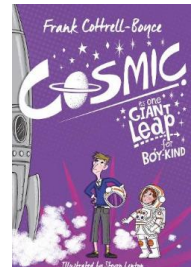
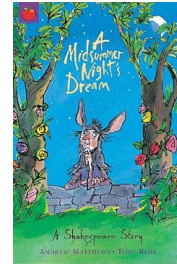
19th June – Science Museum Trip

5th July – Fun Day

There will be lots of other events this summer. I will send you these once the dates are finalised.

English

In the first half term, our class text will be *Cosmic* by Frank Cottrell Boyce. We will use this book as a stimulus for lots of our writing, including guides, persuasive pieces, letters and diary entries. In addition to this, we will be focusing on writing instructions, explanations and newspaper reports. Towards the end of the year, we will read and respond to an adapted version of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* by William Shakespeare.



Maths

This term we will be learning about statistics, shape, position and direction, decimals, negative numbers, converting units and volume. In between these units of work, we will recap the key learning from earlier in the year including fractions, percentages, multiplication and division. The best way to support your child at home is by encouraging them to complete the homework each week. If you have any problems accessing the homework, please let me know.

History and Geography

Our topic for this term is *Significant Lives*, *Significant Times*. This is predominantly a historical topic but there are elements of Geography throughout. We will be focusing on key figures in important time



periods which will include Harriet Tubman, Henry VIII, Matthew Henson and Anne Frank. We will also learn about space exploration through the lives of Buzz Aldrin, Neil Armstrong and Mae Jemison.

P.E.

Our P.E. lessons continue to be on Monday and Thursday. Our dance lesson is on a Wednesday afternoon.

Science

In Science, we will spend the first half term looking at *Living Things and Their Habitats*, which will include asexual reproduction in plants, pollinations and the life cycles of amphibians, insects and mammals. The second half term is *Space*, where we spherical bodies, planets, the heliocentric model and night/day in relation to the moon.

Home Learning

The children will be set Maths and English home learning on Friday (beginning this week) which will be due the following Thursday. This is available on Google Classroom. If you would prefer a printed copy, let me know.

Maths home learning will generally be IXL starred tasks linked to their classroom learning. Please ensure the children either complete the task, or do 30 minutes of practice. If they do not seem to be able to tackle the questions, encourage them to talk to us in school. We will be able to help.

English homework will alternate between tasks linked to work in school and reading journal tasks.

Reading

Please ensure that they are doing around 20 minutes reading an evening. Many children will choose to do more than this and it would be great if this is encouraged at home. We will continue to promote reading at school through our daily 30-minute lessons as well as during our Reading for Pleasure time.

Finally...

We cannot quite believe it is the final term of Year 5 – the year seems to have flown by! We are really proud of how hard the children have worked so far and are eager to see what they can achieve in the next few months.

As always, thank you for your continued support. If you ever need to speak to me about your child's wellbeing, I am available at the end of the day (once I have dismissed all the children safely) or via e-mail at connorbrown@wtwschool.co.uk.

Best wishes,

Connor, Nic and Cino.