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## Spelling / Handwriting

Each week your child will be sent home with a list of spellings to practise. Your child will also be given a list of words that they need to be able to spell by the end of Year 5. You can use this to practise spelling with your child whenever you have time to spare. Occasionally, your child will be asked to practise some aspect of their handwriting at home too.

## Maths/English

Every Friday your child will be given a piece of Maths and English homework to complete at home. This will be something that they have already covered in school or a reading comprehension activity. If your child completes this activity, can you ensure that they bring it into school by Thursday the following week.

## Don't forget...

Your child will be heard reading every week in school and this will supplement reading activities in lessons. We would appreciate it, therefore, if you could ensure your child brings their reading book into school every day. Your child will normally do P.E. on a Tuesday. Could you please ensure your child comes in P.E. kit on a Tuesday, and that they have removed any jewellery.

# Year 5 Curriculum Leaflet

## Autumn

In this leaflet you will find out about what your child will be learning this term and how you can help them at home.

It gives you information about what is going to be taught in all areas of the curriculum in school and suggests some ways in which you can get involved.

We see this as a great opportunity for you to share in your child's education.

On the back page you will find further information regarding homework and what to expect each week.

Thank you for your support!

Year 5 Staff

Mr Fuidge  
&  
Miss Thompson

## Did you know...?

There are more stars in the universe than there are grains of sand across the Earth.



## Thematic

This term the children will be focusing on an 'Out of this World' topic. Children will be using this topic to develop their skills across many areas of the curriculum. They will learn about human achievement over time by learning about inspirational people like Stephen Hawking. Also, they will be researching exciting key moments in history such as the first moon landing. In Art and Design lessons, children will produce work inspired by space using a range of materials. They will use their skills in ICT to research rockets before demonstrating their design and technology skills to design and produce their own.

## RE

Children will learn the importance of creation on the timeline of the 'big story' of the Bible and make connections between Genesis 1 and the Christian belief about God as Creator. They will understand why many Christians find science and faith go together and comment on whether key ideas from Genesis 1 are helpful or inspiring.

## Maths

During this term, we will work on the four operations, developing and consolidating methods of addition, subtraction, division and multiplication. In Geometry lessons, we will be learning how to draw accurate reflections and rotations. We will draw lines and shapes that we will measure accurately. In Data and Measure lessons, we will learn how to convert between different units of measurement, whilst recording and displaying data appropriately. We will also begin to apply the skills we have learnt to real life contexts so children can transfer and apply their skills in everyday life.

To help your child develop you could practise multiplication tables with them and number bonds to 20, 100, 1000.

## Science

Our topic for Science this half term is 'Earth and Space'. We will focus on the planets in our solar system and the relationship with our star, the sun. We will also learn about the movement of the moon around the Earth.



## English

During English lessons children will be reading the book 'George's Secret Key to the Universe' by Lucy and Stephen Hawking. A number of other texts will be read too, including stories, poems and non-fiction texts. The theme of the book is 'Space' which aligns itself with our Science and Thematic topic. They will be discussing and describing characters whilst also starting to think about their motives. You could help your child at home by asking them questions about the book they are reading.

Children will be writing pieces of work including poems, narrative stories and a variety of non-fiction texts.

Children will also continue to practice forming letters correctly and spelling words from the year 5 word list. You could help at home by practising handwriting and choosing some of the spellings from the year 5 word list to practise with your child.

## Reading

Your child will bring home a reading book to read to you. These books are chosen carefully based on assessments to help your child make the best progress with their reading. We would appreciate it if you could listen to your child read regularly and record brief comments in their reading record to let us know how your child is getting on.

We will continue to encourage reading in school through our 'Accelerated Reader' reading scheme.

In line with our topic, the class text this term is George's Secret Key to the Universe. Your child will be answering a range of questions based on this text in school.