



Happy New Year and Welcome Back!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back to school for this very exciting Spring Term! We hope that you and your families had a wonderful Christmas. The new term has got off to a flying start and it is clear the children are all ready to learn and have remembered what it means to be responsible and respectful. Please find below practical information about your child's year group for the term ahead and more info about their new topic.

What your child's year group will be learning this term:

Earth and Space



This term, Year 5 delve deep into the Earth and our solar system. This is a **science** and **geography**-focused topic in which the children will learn about the Earth and its position in the Solar System, as well as its orbital relationship with the sun and moon. They will learn why a day is 24 hours long, a year 365 days long and why we see the different phases of the moon. In addition, they will use the wonder and majesty of our solar system to inspire their creative writing and as a stimulus for non-fiction writing. Please look closely at the

attached medium-term plan for more details on the specific coverage across all areas of the curriculum.

Ways you can support your child's learning at home:

Reading - Please find time to share a book with your child at least 3/4 times a week. When your child reads at home, they can record this in their reading diary. When they read regularly at home with an adult, and we see it in their reading diaries, they will receive house points. Children are welcome to borrow books from the year group library or class teachers (please just ask) to enjoy at home.

Maths – As last term, the children will be set a timestable quiz. Continued practice of timestables will really help your child's mathematical knowledge. The children can further supplement their maths learning by spending time using Times Tables Rock Stars. Please see your class teacher if you would like a reminder of your child's log-in details.

English and Spellings – As last term, children will be set a guided reading task and a list of spelling words to learn each week. As with the Maths homework, this should be completed and returned each Wednesday. The children will have spelling sessions in class to reinforce the weekly word lists and a test. This will enable us to see which words are being retained by pupils and which words we need to revisit.



Forthcoming Trips and Visits:

- Monday 26th January- Planetarium, 'Space Dome' experience here in school.
- This term, we will begin to learn songs and rehearse for our Year 4 and 5 Performance (as well as hold auditions for those children who would like a lead/solo/speaking role). The performances will be held towards the end of Term 4 (just before the Easter holidays) in March. Again, more detailed information about these performances will be sent home nearer the time.

Uniform List:

Navy blue crew neck sweatshirt (purchased from PMG Schoolwear) or plain
Navy blue V necked cardigan, (purchased from PMG Schoolwear) or plain
White or navy polo shirt, (purchased from PMG Schoolwear) or plain
Grey school trousers or shorts,
Grey school skirt or pinafore dress,
Dark Navy gingham checked cotton summer dress,
Grey or navy tights, grey socks,
Black school shoes, no training shoes.
Coat of your choice.

PE:

Year 5 PE sessions will take place on Wednesday and Friday each week. However, our timetable is flexible and to fit with changes, the children are encouraged to have PE kits in all week.

Please ensure ALL items of clothing and shoes are clearly named, as this aids a swift return if items are lost.

Water bottles and snacks:

Children can have a named water bottle in school. This needs to be taken home every day to be washed out and refilled. We also recommend sending in a piece of fruit for break times; children get very hungry by lunch time if they have nothing to eat mid-morning.

Important dates for your diary:

These dates are for events specific to Year 5 and do not include other whole-school events, as detailed in the fortnightly online newsletters by Mrs Bayliss

Friday 13 th February	End of Term
Tuesday 24 th February	Parents evening
Wednesday 25 th February	Parents evening
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Tuesday 17 th and Wednesday 18 th March	Performances of Year 4/5 show to parents
Friday 27 th March	Easter Holiday starts @ 1:15pm

If you have any questions or concerns, please do come and let us know as soon as possible. We are really looking forward to continuing to work with you and your fabulous children this year.

Have a fantastic term,

Miss Freeman and Mrs Duan





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