

Year 5 Newsletter- Spring term 2

Back to school already! The weeks are flying by and there is lots to do and lots to learn.

This half term our main topic is Earth and Space. It's a great topic which sparks the imagination and raises some interesting questions. As well as the work we'll be doing in class I have put together a homework project which the children need to complete at home. They were given the task sheet before the holiday and have hopefully made a start on their work. The project is due on 27th March 2017 and you will all get the chance to view everyone's hard work at a gallery morning on Wednesday 29th March. I look forward to (hopefully) seeing you there!

We will be tying our English lessons into our topic work too. First we'll be looking at writing non-chronological reports and then writing newspaper reports with a space theme. Spelling homework will continue as usual. In addition there will be a special Shakespeare Day for year 5 on Monday 27th March focused on the playwright's famous play 'The Tempest'.

In maths we'll be learning about fractions and then moving on to area, perimeter and volume. We will continue to work on building confidence and accuracy working with place value and the 4 main operations.

PE lessons remain on Wednesdays and Fridays with some children continuing their swimming lessons during the Wednesday lesson. Bikability sessions will start for some children in the coming weeks— letters will be sent out to those involved.

How you can help... Please continue to encourage your child to read often and to talk about what they have read (discuss their favourite character, what might happen next?, does it remind them of any other stories?), Children also need to regularly practice not only the times tables facts but also their division facts as they play a vital role in so many of our maths lessons.

All of the class continue to have access to both the 'Sumdog' and 'The Night Zoo Keeper'. Both of these websites offer great opportunities for the children to practise a range of skills to help them improve and gain confidence in their learning. So if they ever complain they have nothing to do— you've got the perfect solution!

As always, if you need to talk to me about anything you can pop by the classroom or drop me an email at: gwilcox26rt@nsix.org.uk

Many thanks,

Miss Wilcox

