

## Yr 5, Autumn Term - Stargazers

Welcome to Year 5 and Panda class. It has been great to see the children return to school after the experience of 'lockdown learning' (remember the song?). Despite it being an unusual situation, the children conducted themselves well and have started to settle into school life as they normally know it!

During the Autumn terms, our learning is based around the theme of 'Space'. The children will be learning all about the moon and our solar system, Isaac Newton, Galileo, Tim Peake as well as having the opportunity to research and discuss questions they have *themselves* about space (we have already talked about the possibility of other dimensions!).

In English, amongst other things, we will be writing our own non-chronological report about the moon, creating free verse poems, and writing a science fiction story about space.

In Science, we become NASA/ESA Space Engineers and create rockets. We explore the need for an aerodynamic design and we investigate the best shape for the nose and wings to ensure our rocket glides through the air quickly.

In Maths, and as part of our Recovery Curriculum, we are going over certain areas from the Year 4 curriculum that need to be developed as well as extending our knowledge of place value and addition/subtraction.



### Important Information

- Please do read and familiarise yourself with the school correspondence on COVID-19 measures and changes to the school day that have been put in place.
- Personal hygiene are incredibly important. Please help by ensuring your child sees this as part of their daily routine, both in and out of school.
- Stick to the drop off-pick up times for your child/ren wherever possible. This allows the school to practise social distancing as much as possible. Should you need to drop off/pick up your child at a different time, please contact the school office in the first instance.
- Any medication (and this includes lozenges or nasal sprays) need to be given to the teacher at the beginning of the day. If your child needs to use them, they just ask the teacher.

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## Homework

Maths and English/Topic home learning will be set, using Google Classrooms, on a Friday and is to be 'handed in' by Wednesday the following week at the latest. Spellings will also be given out every Friday, to be tested the following Friday.

Ideally your child needs to be heard reading, at least 4 times per week, at home as it aids their comprehension, word knowledge and imagination.

## PE

PE is on a Friday – please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit and has suitable clothing for the whole day. We will endeavour to be outside for PE as much as possible.

## Water bottles/snacks

Please provide your child with a named water bottle which will be kept in the classroom for them to access when needed. Whilst they are unable to fill their own water bottles, we will fill them for them at break times throughout the day. Please ensure that break-time snacks must be healthy – for example, a cereal bar or piece of fruit.

Mr Mallinson & Mrs Peeke

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- You child can bring in their own hand sanitiser to school, but this needs to be used by them alone and kept in their tray when not being used.
  - If you need to contact us, please use ClassDojo. We will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible. Do note that teachers cannot see messages sent to other teachers. You are given the option to choose who you want to send the message to when composing it.
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