



YEAR 5 PANDAS NEWSLETTER—AUTUMN 2021

WELCOME

Key information

- Mr Mallinson teaches all days except Thursday. Mrs Bath teaches on this day.
- PE is on a Tuesday.
- Harvest Festival—4th October (led by Yrs. 1 and 6)
- End of Term 1—21st October

Welcome to Year 5 and Panda class. It has been great to see the children finally return full time to school after the experiences over the last few years! The children have started to settle into school life as they normally know it and we are looking forward to a great year ahead.

Mr Mallinson, Mrs Bath, Mrs Peeke, Mrs Warner, Miss Duebel and Mr Crawford



Classdojo

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.

Stargazers

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 space-themed story, a persuasive letter to the UK Space Agency and a detailed set of instructions on how to build a rocket. The latter is important as in Science/DT we become 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 quicker. The end product will be judged against a set of criteria including rigidity, functionality and aesthetics—it needs to look good after all!

In Maths we start with place value before moving on to extend our knowledge of addition and subtraction. If there are areas that need to be re-learned, then we will cover these too.

PE

PE is on a Tuesday – please ensure your child has suitable PE kit (school T-shirt etc.) at school and brings appropriate clothing for outside if the weather turns colder (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. If they are unable to fill their own water bottles, we will do this for them throughout the day. Please ensure that break-time snacks are healthy.



Homework

For the moment, optional homework will be set on a Friday. This will generally be times table work and spellings. Additional work may be posted if we consider it will be useful for your child's learning, be that either over-learning or work which will help them with class-work we are about to do. This will be posted on google classrooms. If you have trouble accessing this, do let Mr Mallinson know.