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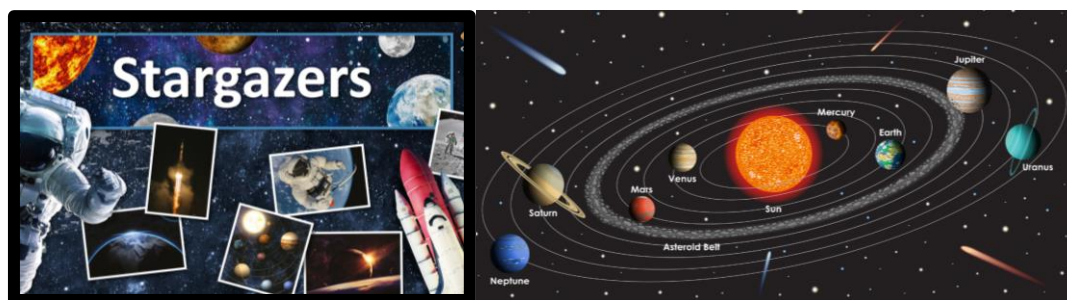
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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

17th September 2021

I hope you have had a good summer and that the children are well-rested and enthusiastic about their return to school. We have an exciting, action-packed term ahead and I am really looking forward to planning for and learning with the children on this, the first leg of our journey together in Year 5.

Our Topic for this term is Stargazers!



Stargazers

Our topic this term is science based. The children will be learning about the solar system, night and day and the movements of the Moon. They will investigate space travel, including some famous space missions and the technology which made these possible. We will also be studying the lives and work of historical figures, Isaac Newton and Galileo Galilei along with some more modern pioneering science innovations like the Mars Rover. The children will be engaging with NASA's excellent Art project: *Art and the Cosmic Connection* – where they will be learning a range of skills each week while creating artwork with pastels, based on NASA photographs of planets in our Solar System.

English

In English throughout the year, we will complete daily spelling, grammar, and handwriting work as well as a variety of reading and writing tasks based on quality texts around our theme of Space. Our class novel this term is ***Cosmic*** by **Frank Cottrell-Boyce** which tells the story of a 12-year-old boy who wins a trip to space, hurtles around the world, and discovers what it is that makes children and adults different.

Maths

We will continue to follow the White Rose scheme of work for maths, kicking off this term with place value, addition & subtraction, and statistics. We will improve problem solving and reasoning skills by explicitly teaching these each day. In addition to this, we will complete mixed arithmetic tasks daily to ensure that the children stay fluent with former maths topics, as well as with new methods learned.

PE

Year 5 will have PE on **Wednesdays** and **Fridays**.

Children will need to come in their PE kit on these two days and will remain in their PE kit throughout the day. Our PE sessions will be outside whenever possible on Wednesdays, as we have a Netball focus that day, so please ensure that children have layers, including: shorts, t-shirts, sweatshirts and leggings/ jogging bottoms as part of their kit.

We may still have warm weather so hats and water bottles will also be required, and sun cream should be applied each morning when the sun shines.

On Fridays, we are lucky enough to be working alongside Mr Pemble and will be honing our gymnastics skills.

Homework

Homework will be set on a **Friday** and books need to be returned on **Wednesday**, to provide time for marking of work.

Homework will consist of an English **and/or** Maths task, as well as spellings each week. Please ensure that children practise their spellings each week and take care over the presentation of their work.

Please can I ask that homework is signed off by an adult after completion.

Reading

The children will be encouraged to read a wide range of books from the year 5 class library. Please do support your child with this and encourage them to read a greater variety of books. If they bring a book home, ask them to read from it or read it to them.

Please see the attached links to book lists with suggestions of age-appropriate books for your child.

<https://www.thereaderteacher.com/year-groups>

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/year-5>

Please watch out for the weekly newsletters for details of any upcoming events or dates for your diary. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask: you can send me an email via the school office.

Kind regards,

Mrs Foster