



Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter

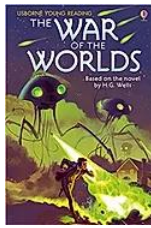
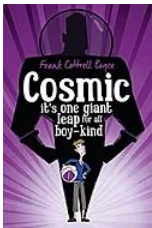
Dear Parents and Carers,

Spring Term 2020

Hope you all had the most amazing Christmas and New Year! The children progressed massively last term, but it's this term that the hard work truly begins! Last term, we enjoyed an amazing topic learning about Anglo-Saxons and Vikings including an exciting day out at Ufton Court. We produced a range of great work and are looking forward to the opportunities this term will bring.

English

During this term, your child will be reading many different texts, enabling them to enjoy a range of genres. This will include biographies, speeches and a range of Science Fiction. You might like to widen your reading at home by trialling these texts:



Reading to a family member is vital for your child's on-going development. Not enough of our children are being given this opportunity. Our main target for the children is to be able to justify their opinion by referring to the text. Please record your child's reading within their Reading Record as this is checked periodically.

Maths

We enjoyed wonderful success last term in maths – the children are benefitting greatly from the new Power Maths scheme. Many of the children have learnt their times tables, which has now meant they have been allowed to make excellent progress in a number of areas. Remember, the government expectation is for children to know ALL their times tables by the end of YEAR FOUR! Further practise at home is strongly encouraged if your child does not know them securely so that they develop the speed and automaticity needed for the curriculum to come.

Assemblies

5C – Friday 20th January 2020

5S – Friday 13th March 2020

Science & Topic

This term, children will be learning about Earth and Space as well as Forces.

For topic, we will be taking One Small Step where we look at key figures through history and in Modern times who took a small step to change the world around them. This will focus on both scientific innovations and on civil rights activists. We will also be taking One Small Step around our local area by undertaking a geographical enquiry.



Homework

Reading – this should be recorded daily.

Spellings – words will be given out and need to be learned in preparation for a weekly spelling test.

Maths - Relevant to weekly learning and set on Mathletics.

English/ Topic/ Other – To build independence and time-management skills we have decided to continue using the cross-curricular homework grid.

Stationery

Children should be equipped with the following: pencil(s), handwriting pen(s) (we provide the first when pen license is awarded), ruler, sharpener, eraser, whiteboard pen and a glue stick. Please label your child's belongings clearly.



Lost Property

PE kits and school uniform must be labelled with your child's name. A growing number of items are finding their way to the lost property box. Also label all equipment in your child's pencil case. This should also be the case for his/her coat, bag and lunchbox too.

We welcome Mrs Burch to the Year 5 team. She is a student teacher who will be working alongside Ms Gibbons in 5C for the majority of the Spring Term.

We will look to continue to use the Seesaw app to keep you updated with regards to your child's progress. Thank you for your on-going support.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Gibbons, Mrs Anstiss and Mrs Shiraz
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