



# Year 5 Newsletter

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Welcome back!

We hope you all had a fantastic Easter break eating loads of goodies! Hopefully the children are excited to return and are ready to continue with their learning to reach their full potential.

This half term we will be completing our topic about Australia with an end challenge where children will debate migration, justifying their reasons with evidence. Our new topic will be all about space and the solar system.

## Writing

Alongside our space topic, the children will be given an opportunity use their creative thinking to plan and write their very own science fiction stories. The children will also explore newspaper reports identifying their features. They will research famous milestones in the history of space and write their own newspaper articles, based on those events.



## Reading

In guided reading, the children will start to read a range of sci-fi texts which will enable them to develop skills such as working out the meaning of words in context and summarising. As well as non-fiction texts, children will be exploring space poems and learning how to perform them with expression and confidence. Please continue to support and encourage children to read at home and work on the new Rocket Reading challenge. Some children have already made great progress with the challenges which is amazing to see!



## Maths

Having spent a great deal of time learning about fractions, the children will be applying this knowledge to understand decimals. This half term we will be then learning about percentages and their equivalence to fractions and decimals. Later, in the term we will be learning how to describe the position of a shape and be able to draw it on a grid. This will then lead onto co-ordinates,

translation, lines of symmetry and reflection. Being able to use a ruler accurately, to draw straight lines, will help the children greatly.

## Science

In our science lessons, children will be learning all about the solar system and forces. They will be able to describe the movement of the Earth and other planets relative to the sun in the solar system, also the movement of the moon relative to the Earth. Children will understand the idea of the Earth's rotation to explain day and night and the apparent movement of the sun across the sky.

## PE

Swimming lessons will now take place on Friday mornings. We will continue to do PE in school on Tuesday afternoons. Children therefore need to bring their PE kits every Tuesday, and swimming kits every Friday. We will be outside for PE, weather permitting.



**As the weather heats up can children please bring into school hats as well as a water bottle and have sunscreen applied before the day begins.**

It was lovely to see so many parents at our parents evening and we hope that you also enjoyed the chance to finally get together, face to face. We hope you all had a fantastic Easter break, and that the children are raring to go for their final term in year 5!

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need any extra information.

**The Year 5 Team**

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