



Welcome back, Year 5!

Dear Parents/Carers and children,

We hope that you had a fantastic Christmas break and are ready to get stuck into 2018! After a successful autumn term, we will continue to make the curriculum as creative and as fun as possible, enabling the children to succeed in their personal targets and enjoy the term ahead.

Our cross-curricular topic this term will be the 'The Earth in Space'. Space is a great topic, as it can include English, history, geography, science, art, music and PE. We will be learning about the relationship between the Earth, Moon and Sun, as well as all the other planets. We will also be looking at the history of space exploration, and in PE, we will be taking part in our own astronaut training program. We have a very 'out of this world' visit planned and you will be hearing more about this very shortly.

In addition to the science of the Solar System, we will also be investigating forces and building a water-powered rocket. We are also hoping to create our own 'green screen' films.

The children will be learning the recorder on Wednesday afternoons. Please make sure that recorders are brought to school every Wednesday.



Here are a few quick reminders of what your child needs to bring to school:

- PE will be on **Tuesday** (indoor) and **Wednesday** (outdoor), so please remember PE kits on these days. Please ensure that outdoor PE kit includes trainers, tracksuit bottoms and a long-sleeved top. Remember that timetables can change, so it would be useful to have PE kits handy throughout the week.
- Pens and pencils etc. are provided. Your child does not require a pencil case.

Homework:

Homework will continue to consist of spellings, times tables and reading.



- Reading is extremely important and we expect every child to read a little each night. They may choose a book from school or from home and should record their reading in their reading records – **these will be checked on a weekly basis**. When possible, please hear your child read and make your own comments in their diaries – we cannot stress how important hearing your child read is, even if you are confident of your child's reading ability. Talking about texts unlocks many skills that are very difficult to acquire without it.
- Spellings will be sent home each week and spelling tests will take place on **Fridays**.

Please feel free to speak to us if you have any questions whatsoever about anything (to do with school!).

Thanks for your support and help,

Mrs Brazier, Mrs Barnard and Mr Lowrie-Herz