

# Year 5 Newsletter

Happy New Year!

January 2023

## What will your child be studying in English and Maths this term?



In Maths and English, we will continue to work through the new national programmes of study.

In English, our units will largely be related to our Science theme of Space; we will look at the features of biographies, discussions, narrative writing and poetry. Our class reader links with our History unit on the Victorians - Oliver Twist.



In Maths, we will be continuing our unit on fractions. Following this, we will be using multiplication and division in calculations; we will be introducing quicker, formal methods, using columns. Further to this, we will be exploring the short method for division including 'bus stop'. Later on in the term, we will move onto to covering decimals and percentages. These methods will rely on children's quick recall of timetables facts therefore any further practice or support you can give your children with their times tables at home would be appreciated.



Your child will continue to receive home learning each week. These tasks should take approximately 30 minutes each and will be given out on a Friday, to be handed in on the following Wednesday. Your child will be given spellings each week, which they will practise every day in school and they should practice these at home too. Homework club remains available every Tuesday lunchtime for those that want to attend.

In addition to this, children should still be reading regularly - please remember you can login to your 'Sora' accounts with the Library Service, where they can easily discover a wide range of books. The children also need to continue to practise their multiplication tables, 'Times Table Rockstars' is a great way to do this; your child's login details for both are on their personalised bookmark in their homework folders.

## Other Important Information and Dates

- ❑ Since the weather can be very cold and/or wet at this time of year, children should ensure they have a suitable coat for outdoor activities. Please ensure that all items are **clearly labelled**.
- ❑ We will be painting Space scenes in our art lessons this half term. This can be messy so you may wish to provide your child with an art overall (old adult shirt, apron etc).
- ❑ We had been lucky enough to book a performance of William Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' on the morning of Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2023.
- ❑ The Science Fair is due to be held during the first week of Spring 2. Once we have more details on how we can do this, we will send home a separate letter regarding the arrangements.

**We look forward to working with you to give your child the best possible Year 5 experience!**

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**Mrs Thornley, Mrs Roberts, Mrs Golding and Mrs Wood**



## This is what your child will be studying in the other subjects...

### Science

We will be studying Earth and Space culminating in the exciting Space Science Fair. Our other topic for the term focuses on light.

### Topic

We are exploring The Victorians and British inventions.

### Computing

Using excel, children will learn formulas to help them solve problems and budget.

### Art

Exploring how different colour blends can allow us to create other-worldly landscapes and abstract space creatures.

### Music

Learning to play the guitar with the 'Listen to Me' Hampshire Schools' Music service.

### RE

We will explore the concept of ritual, before exploring the concept of 'Sacrifice' in Christianity.

### Games

Invasion games: tag rugby and netball.

### PSHCE

Accident and Emergency, understanding basic First Aid. Decisions people make with money.

### PE

Gymnastics and dance.

### DT

We will be building bridges inspired by the great British industrialist, Isambard Kingdom Brunel.

### French

We will be learning about the order of the planets and how to describe them.