



Dear Parents/Carers

### Year 5 Spring Term - Curriculum Information

Welcome back and Happy New Year! I hope you have all had a lovely Christmas. We had an amazing first term in Year 5, exploring our topic, 'Groovy Greeks'; it was lovely to share this with many of you at the Parents' afternoon which, I'm sure you'll agree was a fantastic afternoon.

This term we will begin our exciting journey in to Space and beyond!

#### Literacy

In Literacy, we will be reading a selection of new books, our first is, 'The Sea of Tranquillity'. We have planned many activities to get to know the text; our writing focus will be newspaper reports, diary entries and sci-fi stories. Our writing targets this term include: spelling, grammar and planning.

#### Spellings

I am really pleased with the new spelling system and the children have produced some good results so far. We will continue with these, assessing the children shortly on the rules tested so far. As I'm sure you'll know, the key to spelling is not just learning them weekly and the rule, but also to apply these in our writing, which is why it is one of our targets this term.

#### Numeracy

In Numeracy, we will continue to work through each topic using the five phase approach, allowing the children to reason and investigate helping to deepen their learning. This half term, we will be focussing more on explaining our thoughts and identifying an approach to the investigation. Our target is to learn our times tables up to 12x12 by the end of the year, so we will be learning a table a fortnight and practising these in class. One of the games we play regularly can be found here

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button> - the children love this game!

## LBH

Learn by Heart targets have not been sent home as we will be launching a new school wide system; this is called Zumba Maths! We will be trialling it in Year 5 and details will be sent home separately.

### Topic/Science

'Blast Off!' will take us on a journey around Earth, to the Sun, Moon and beyond. We will compare the planets, learn why shadows are formed and why they change, investigate what causes day and night and the seasons, discover how eclipses are created, find out what the moon is made out of, locate common constellations, learn how to be an astronaut and venture into the world of UFOs!

### Class Visits/Visitors

Our first class trip of the year will be to the Star Centre in Keighley on March 7<sup>th</sup>. A letter will be sent home about this visit shortly. We have also booked a Cyberbullying/E-Safety session for the children to be delivered by the Police and a Fire Safety Talk delivered by the Fire Brigade.

### Swimming

Year 5 are due to begin their swimming lessons at Bingley Swimming Baths after the February half term. Our lessons will commence at 9.10am. The transport will collect from school at 8.50am and your child needs to be in school for 8.45am at the latest. Further details will be posted on the website shortly.

### Art

Please could you make sure that your child has an old shirt/t-shirt/apron in school for our Thursday Art lesson.

### Website

Our class page will continue to be regularly updated so please check out our past and current learning as well as homework and spellings.

If you have any questions or queries about your child's work or wish to chat about any aspect of Year 5, please do not hesitate to catch me in the playground, pop in and see me, message me using the year 5 email or make an appointment. I wish to thank you in advance for your continued support.

Thank you

Miss C Hall, Mrs L Ashington and Mr R Maiden