



Year 5/6
Spring 2

Topic: Stargazers

We hope you have had a lovely half term break! Year 6 will be preparing for the KS2 SATs next term w/c Monday 13th May. Join us next Monday for more information on how to best support your child in the run-up to SATs and help them be secondary-school ready, as well as information on our upcoming Year 5/6 residential next term. This half term, our topic is Earth and Space; in Science we will be learning about the movement of the Earth and moon and explaining why we have day and night. We will learn about the history of space exploration and learning about time zones around the world in Geography. In Art, we will be exploring art by Peter Thorpe and investigating colour and line drawing. In RE, we will be learning about Salvation, focusing on what Christians believe about Jesus' resurrection, how these beliefs are shown through worship on Good Friday and Easter Sunday and the impact of these beliefs for Christians. We will be improving our chromebook skills and learning programming skills in our computing sessions. In PE, we will be working on tennis skills this half term and we will be looking at respecting ourselves and others and relationships in PSHE.

In Maths, we will continue improving the accuracy of our calculation skills using all four operations, calculating using fractions, mixed numbers and percentages. Alongside this, we will be practising basic skills including addition facts and times tables; practising these at home and regularly using TTRockstars would be really helpful. In English, we will be developing our sentence level skills and writing a range of texts inspired by our topic work as well as our reading texts. You can support at home by encouraging your child to use Lexia for reading and Spelling Shed to practise spelling rules. We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March - children are invited to come dressed as their favourite book character. We will be promoting reading for pleasure by sharing books we love and enjoying short stories.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Miss Patrick and the Year 5/6 team

Year 5/6 information evening

Year 5/6 residential information evening:

Monday 26th February 5pm - 5:30pm

- followed by -

Year 6 SATs information:

Monday 26th February 5:30pm - 6pm

Reading and Spellings

This year, spellings will be sent out on a **Friday**, to be tested in school the following **Friday**. Children will be able to access their spellings on the online platform 'Spelling Shed'. Please get in touch if you need help accessing this.

Reading books will be sent home weekly - please encourage your child to read regularly at home, independently and with adults. Please remind children to take care of their reading records and return these weekly for us to check, update and change books. Thanks for your support in reading regularly at home to develop reading fluency and understanding as well as a love of reading.

Spring 2 Class Texts

We will be exploring the following texts this half term:

Lore of the Stars

Lights on Cotton Rock

Planetarium

How to be an Astronaut



PE Kits and Forest Schools

This half term we will have PE on **Fridays**. Children should come to school in their PE kits for the full day. Please ensure your child has the school PE kit of **plain** black shorts/joggers, a **plain** white top and black sand shoes/trainers. A plain black hoodie can be worn for outdoor PE. No jewellery can be worn for PE - please remove earrings or they will need to be covered with tape.

Forest schools will continue for Year 5/6 after Easter.