

TERMLY NEWSLETTER - YEAR 5

SPRING 2022

Dear Families,

As you may already know, we follow a project-based learning curriculum to help focus our learning throughout each term. During the first half of the term, we will be learning about forces and we will be focussing on space for the second half term.

The staff responsible for teaching year five are:

Mr Hunt – New River Class

Mrs Lines – Dobbs Weir Class

Mrs O'Connor, Mrs Atkinson, Ms Brewster, Ms Collins, Mr Karim

MINI PROJECT

The last two weeks of the spring term will be dedicated to a mini project that will be based around a famous work of art, supplied by The National Gallery.

TOPIC

Our main topic will be focusing upon forces; how they are harnessed during our daily lives and how they affect the world around us. We have already been to Barclay Park to carry out experiments and observations on the play equipment. The children have attempted to understand how gravity causes objects to fall towards the centre of the earth and how we can utilise this to our advantage. Additionally, we have made and flown a kite on the school playground which helped the children understand the forces created by the wind around us.



MATHS

We are continuing to use our Maths No Problem scheme this year to teach and deepen mathematical understanding across the school.

Year five will be focusing upon using and manipulating fractions; then we will be studying geometry and position

RE

This term, we are focussing on the religious beliefs and practises of Christianity and Judaism with a specific focus upon human responsibilities and values.

HOMEWORK

Homework will consist of three components: spellings, reading and times tables.

Maths homework will be to use TT Rockstars to prepare for a weekly times tables test. We expect children to be proactive in learning all their times tables up to 12x until they know them fluently and in a random order.

Spelling homework will be based around the weekly spellings. The homework will be set every Friday and must be practised and ready for a dictation on Thursday.

Additionally, school policy expects children to read an appropriate level book at least 3 times a week, to an adult.

Based on ongoing reading assessments, your child is able to choose an appropriate banded book from the school library. They are also able to select a book from the class library for reading for pleasure. It is an expectation that children are heard to read by an adult at home at least three times a week as evidence shows this contributes greatly to making progress. Please could you sign their reading record to confirm this. Reading records must be in school every day as they are a point of contact between home and school and contain computer login details.



PE

PE will take place on Thursday afternoons. Children should come to school wearing their kit, with appropriate footwear.

PE

We are lucky enough to have a visit from The University of Hertfordshire Planetarium after half term. This will be an amazing opportunity to journey to space without leaving the comfort of the school hall. The cost will be approximately ten pounds. We will provide you with more details in the near future.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries or concerns regarding your child's time in school or any of the learning we are planning this term.

Mr Hunt & Mrs Lines



SCHOOL UNIFORM YR 1 - 6

- Only plain black shoes or smart black trainers are to be worn – no coloured trainers or boots except sensible plain boots in severe weather.
- Socks / tights must be grey, navy or white
- Light blue/white checked summer dresses or grey pinafore dress may be worn
- The school top is a sky blue polo shirt – this can be with or without the school logo
- Trousers/shorts/skirts should be grey. Skirts should be knee length and simple.
- Knitted St Cath's hats and baseball hats are available, as are school book bags, fleeces and waterproof coats
- Plain navy tank tops
- Navy jumpers or cardigans (with or without the school logo). NOT HOODIES.
- All coats should be plain black, grey or navy.
- A small, plain blue/black book bag (with or without school logo) is the only acceptable bag to carry books and homework to and from school.
- A small blue/black drawstring bag (with or without school logo) is the only acceptable bag to carry PE kit to and from school.

FOR PE

- White or navy round necked tee shirt (this can be with or without the school logo)
- Navy shorts
- Navy joggers
- Navy hoodie (with or without the school logo)

JEWELLERY

The only jewellery allowed is one small plain silver or gold stud earring per ear. This needs to be covered up or removed for PE but must be removed for swimming (you may wish to bear this in mind if considering ear piercing before swimming starts in early May)

