



# Year 5

## Spring 1

### Newsletter



#### Class Novels

Year 5's class novel for this half-term is **The Jamie Drake Equation**, written by Christopher Edge. Before lunch, each teacher will read to their class for 10-15 minutes everyday.

#### Spellings

The children will have a weekly spelling test, on Friday, which will focus on a spelling rule. The spellings in the test will all follow this rule. The rule will be specified in the children's yellow spelling books (that will be sent home with them), and can be practised on Spelling Shed.

If you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the Y5 Team via the office, and we will aim to get back to you as soon as possible, or catch us on the playground.

#### PE (Monday and Friday)

The children will be running The Golden Mile, at the start of this half-term, before doing Dance for the remainder of this half-term.

Please can the children bring in their PE kits on Mondays and Fridays.

#### Maths

To begin the half-term, the children will be revisiting multiplication and division before returning back to fractions then decimals and fractions later on in the half-term.

The children are encouraged to practise their times tables as often as possible, which includes going on websites such as **TT Rockstars** and **Hit The Button**. Times tables are applicable to much of what the children do so any practise would be greatly appreciated!

#### English/ Big Idea

**Our guiding purpose:** To put on an exhibition about The Solar System.

This half-term, the children will be guided through Our Learning Journey with questions about Earth, Space and The Solar System. The children have received homework (handed out during the first week of the half-term) to create a project relating to an area of Earth, Space and/or The Solar System.

In English, the children will be writing a range of pieces, over the course of the half-term, from a narrative, set of instructions to an explanation.

#### Reading

All children have a yellow reading record which they have been given to record their reading with adults in. Children are aiming to read with an adult **a minimum of four times per week**. Some children, in Year 5, are 'diamond watch' readers which means that they are required to read a banded book with an adult. These children are aware of who they are and should be regularly reading their banded books with an adult at home too. As soon as your child has finished with their banded book, it is essential that they bring it in **the next day** for it to be changed for a new one. Other children, who are not 'diamond watch' readers may read an age-appropriate book, suitable for their ability, to an adult. All children must bring their reading book into school daily. Reading records will be checked on Wednesday mornings.

#### What support can be offered at home?

Each child has access and login details to **TT Rockstars** (to practise their times tables) and **Spelling Shed** (to practise a range of spelling rules), which we heavily encourage the children to be doing at home. The children have received a half-term homework project, to coincide with this half-term's Big Idea: Earth, Space and The Solar System. The children are encouraged to undertake their own research, to create a project that they will display and discuss at the cohort's exhibition, due on Tuesday 8th February 2022. Your child may use the internet, books or other suitable resources to carry out this research. We look forward to seeing to seeing the children's projects!