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Y5 Curriculum Newsletter – Out of this World!

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Dear Parents,

As this year comes to an end, we have been looking ahead to what adventures the new term will bring. The spring topic for Year 5 is 'Out of this World!'.

In English the children will be delving into *Beowulf* by Kevin Crossley-Holland and *The Water Tower* by Gary Crew. They will be producing diary entries, mystery stories, explanation texts and non-chronological reports. In Mathematics, the children will be developing their knowledge of fractions, decimals and percentages.

Science lessons will explore Forces throughout spring term 1, before investigating the wonders of Earth and Space in spring term 2. The children will partake in numerous practical experiments, particularly throughout the forces unit of work to understand the power of forces in everyday life!

Within Art and D&T, the children be putting their sculpting skills to practice - this will link with our history topic (see below). The children will also be sewing a space scene, which will link closely with our science work.

Our History topic throughout the spring term will be exploring the Anglo Saxons, including their daily life and discovering where they came from. Hopefully the children will be Anglo Saxon experts by Easter!

In RE, the children will be looking at Christianity. Computing will explore databases and emails/communication, as well as 'Scratch'. The children will be producing space games which will link closely with Science.

PE will continue to be on a Monday and Thursday throughout the spring term. We will be practising our gymnastics skills and participating in 'outdoor adventurous activities' (OAA). The aim of OAA is to develop the children's team work and communication skills through exciting physical games and activities. Please can you continue to ensure that your child has their PE kit in school for these days - navy shorts, white PE socks, green T-shirt and trainers. As mentioned at the start of the year, can I please ask that all items are clearly named and that your child will be responsible for their kit at all times.

Homework will continue to be given out on a Monday, along with weekly spellings. These spellings will continue to be tested on a Friday and the homework will be collected in and marked the following Monday. Reading passports will be checked on a Friday.

We very much hope that this overview gives you a helpful insight into what learning will be going on in Year 5's classroom throughout the spring term. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your continued support this term and look forward to seeing what the spring term will bring. As always, if you have any questions now or at any time in the future, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Dadge at the school either in person or via telephone, on (01242) 671003.

Wishing you all a relaxing, merry Christmas break and a very happy new year!

Kind Regards,

Miss Dadge and Mrs Lack