

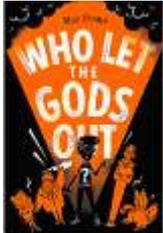
Dear Parents and Carers,

I am super excited to reveal that the first topic for Year 5 will be 'May the Force be With You.' We will be blasting off on our journey through the first term of Year 5 as we explore Outer Space, art, stories and food.



The homework will be set in the format of a Bingo Card so the children can choose their task on a weekly basis. Times tables are still extremely important this year so children should continue to play TT Rockstars as often as possible to improve fluency and speed. Children are also expected to continue to read at least 3 times a week with an adult and continue to play Reading Eggs as much as possible.

Below is a brief overview of what we will be learning over the course of the term, accompanied with ideas and links that you can explore at home.

Subject	Outcome	Ideas for Home
English	<p>Our book this term is 'Who Let the Gods Out?' which is the basis for our reading hour and links greatly with our Space topic!</p> <p>We will write a range of fiction and non-fiction texts including adventure stories, reports, science fiction and persuasive writing.</p> <p>Additionally, we will focus on the spelling rules and statutory word list for the year group.</p> 	<p>Read regularly at home, discussing questions about vocabulary and the effect a book has on the reader.</p> <p>Continue to practice your weekly spellings on Spelling Shed. The login details can be found in the front of Reading Records.</p> <p><u>Useful Websites:</u></p> <p><a href="http://www.readingeggs.co.uk">www.readingeggs.co.uk</a> <a href="https://play.edshed.com/login">https://play.edshed.com/login</a> <a href="http://www.topmarks.co.uk">www.topmarks.co.uk</a> <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize">www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize</a> (select KS2)</p>

<p>Maths</p>	<p>In Maths, we will cover a range of topics. We will begin the term looking at place value and addition and subtraction, moving onto multiplication and division, ending the term with a focus on statistics. We will continue to put emphasis on explaining understanding as well as increasing the speed and accuracy of our mental maths.</p>	<p>The key to success in maths is practice! Any practice of mathematical skills will help the children to be successful. Don't forget to practice on Times Tables Rockstars. This will make your written methods for multiplication and division more accurate. Try the games on <a href="http://www.topmarks.co.uk">www.topmarks.co.uk</a> , listen to songs on YouTube (supermovers is great and have some very catchy ones!)</p> <p>Challenge your children to complete speedy calculations, quick and accurate recall of basic number facts is key as the questions and problems become more complex in Upper Key Stage 2.</p> <p><u>Useful Websites:</u></p> <p><a href="http://www.topmarks.co.uk">www.topmarks.co.uk</a>  <a href="https://play.ttrockstars.com/">https://play.ttrockstars.com/</a>  <a href="http://www.mymaths.co.uk">www.mymaths.co.uk</a></p>
<p>Science</p>	<p>We have a lot of Science to investigate this term!</p> <p>In Science we will be focusing on exploring outer Space. This links with our History Learning on the history of Space travel. We will begin by exploring the Solar System, moving onto looking at identifying different forces. We will be conducting a range of experiments to explore and observe a variety of forces and resistances.</p>	<p>Any basic knowledge of Space and the Solar System will prepare children for further study at school.</p> <p>As always, we will use the testing process of developing a question, prediction, testing and evaluating. Any real-life application of these skills will help the children to gain confidence.</p> <p><u>Useful Websites:</u></p> <p><a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize">www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize</a> (select KS2)  <a href="http://www.theschoolrun.com">www.theschoolrun.com</a></p>
<p>History</p>	<p>In History this term we will be exploring the history of space</p>	<p>BBC bitesize is an extremely useful website to help children build their</p>

	<p>travel. We will also be looking at important historical events such as the Space Race, investigating different sources to understand the importance and reasoning of these historical events.</p>	<p>Knowledge on the history of Space and Space travel. (Search KS2)</p> <p>Any opportunity for children to look at the timeline of Space travel and any historical events linked to Space would be beneficial.</p>
Geography	<p>In Geography we will be looking at the wider context of Geographical locations as well as looking at both human and physical Geography.</p>	<p>Use google Earth to look at the shapes of countries from Space.</p> <p>Practicing the children's knowledge of human and physical features as well as their knowledge of continents, countries and capitals will help them to feel more confident.</p>
Music	<p>Mrs Minshull will continue to teach the children to read and sign music.</p>	<p>Listen to a range of music at home. Talk about what instruments you can hear and how the music makes you feel.</p>
PE	<p>This term our PE will focus on basketball, looking at the control of the ball and the rules and tactics of the game. We will move onto gymnastics through the term as the weather becomes colder.</p>	<p>Keep active at home when you can.</p> <p>If possible, walk, cycle or scoot to school instead of drive.</p> <p>Go on daily walks with your family if you can to keep active.</p> <p><u>Useful Videos:</u> Cosmic Kids Yoga Joe Wicks Kids Workout</p>
French	<p>We will be learning multiples of five, asking and giving the time and then learning about French mealtimes and giving our opinions about different foods.</p>	<p>Use the BBC website <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primarylanguages/french/">http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primarylanguages/french/</a> to play games which allow you to practice your French</p> <p>Watch French versions of stories you know on YouTube, this will introduce you to extra vocabulary in an easier way.</p>

RE	This term in RE we will be focusing on the creation theories of different religions, creating our very own presentation about each theory.	Log onto BBC bitesize and research the creation theory of different religions.
Art / DT	In art, we will be researching Peter Thorpe and create our very own 'Space Art.' We will also be looking at Nebula Art and create our very own using a variety of techniques to create our artwork. In DT we will be looking at food eaten in Space as well as how to prepare food. We will then have a go ourselves ready for our 'Out of this World' party.	Exposing the children to different types of Space Art will get them used to the colours and techniques used ready for their turn in school! This could be in films, books or websites. Simply Search 'Nebula Art' and 'Peter Thorpe' in Google Search.
PSHE	This term we will be following the 'Jigsaw' Scheme of work, exploring 'Being me in my world.'	Encourage children to talk about their feelings and emotions. Allow them to speak about their responsibilities and worries freely and think about these positively.
Computing	This term we will focus on designing, writing and debugging programs that accomplish specific goals.	E-safety is highly important and any advice that the children receive is of great use and will help keep them safe online.  With permission, download Scratch at home <a href="https://scratch.mit.edu/">https://scratch.mit.edu/</a> . The website has lots of different projects for you to practice your coding.

I am very excited about the term ahead. Year 5 is going to be a blast!

My door is always open should you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in contact.

Kindest Regards,  
Miss Leonardi.

