



Parent/Carer Curriculum Update 2019/20

Term: 1

Teacher: Mr Fairbrass

Topic Title: Stargazers

Year group: 5

TAs: Mrs Morton

STAs: Miss Theobald

What will your child be learning this term? How can you help them make good progress?

***What can you do at home to help?**

English

Your child will be improving their skills in reading, writing, speaking and listening, spelling, punctuation and grammar. We will also be focusing on: Diary recounts and letters from 'I Think I Murdered Miss' by Billy Bob Buttons and 'Cosmic - It's one Giant Leap for all Boy-kind' by Frank Cottrell-Boyce

***You could visit the local library or read with your child at home, discuss the story, ask them about how characters are feeling using evidence and predict what happens next.**

Mathematics

Your child will continue to develop their fluency in the use of written methods. They will deepen their understanding of place value and practice learning their number facts. They will also continue to develop their reasoning and problem solving skills.

***Please ensure your child knows all their times tables by rote up to 12x12; online games are a great way to establish rapid recall of these facts.**

Science and Technological Understanding

Your child will be learning about the Earth, Sun and Moon and our solar system. Your child will learn how the Earth, Sun and Moon move in relation to one another and what causes night and day and the change in the seasons. Your child will learn the movements that happen in a year, a lunar month and a day.

***Please discuss the confusion between what we see and what is actually happening—why does the sun LOOK like it is moving across our sky? Why does the moon change shape?**

Computing

Your child will be developing their research skills relating to our topic. They will also be programming their own roamers using algorithms. Your child will be relating technological advancements with events such as the first moon landing.

***Please help your child at home by talking about how ICT is used in the wider world. Also please remind your child about being safe on the internet.**

Historical, Geographical and Social Understanding

Your child will be learning about famous people and events leading to major scientific advancements: Neil Armstrong and the Apollo 11 crew, Sir Isaac Newton, Nicolas Copernicus and the heliocentric model of our solar system and Galileo Galilei and his discoveries.

Understanding the Arts

DT: Your child will be creating printing blocks to show the phases of the moon. They will also be making 'moonscape' using mixed media.

Music: Your child will be working within a group to learn the violin.

PSHE

Your child will be learning about 'New Beginnings,' and 'Getting on and falling out'.

***Talk to your child about ways they can positively approach their relationships with their peers and manage the transition into their new school year.**

Understanding, Physical Development, Health and Wellbeing

Your child will be learning Football and Netball. Developing our skills in: teamwork, coordination, attacking and defending and strategizing.

***You could practice these skills with your child at home or at the park.**

Religious Education

Your child will be learning through the topic Living Right. Your child will be considering ultimate questions and ideas involving communication, stewardship and studying how stories can give faiths rules for life (Buddhist and Hindu)

***Encourage your child to be aware of the many faiths and beliefs that people hold dear.**

Homework

Your child will be given a homework task on a Friday to be returned to school by Tuesday every week please. In addition to this they will also have the times table to learn each week, plus spelling words and **occasionally a topic based piece.**

Extras

Books should be read **with, to and by** children on a regular basis. It really is crucial to the development of skills across the curriculum. Please check which books your child has taken from the school and class libraries daily and complete their Reading Record **daily**.

Educational Visits/visitors and Long Term Homework

Our role play area this term is a Moon Buggy.

We will be visiting an interactive theatre show based around our topic 'Stargazers'.

A long term homework letter will be sent explaining the creation of "a solar system".

PLEASE!

- Make sure your child brings his/her Contact Book and Reading Record to school EVERY DAY!
- Remember your child needs a PE Kit at school EVERY DAY!
- Do not allow your child to wear transfer tattoos, make up, including nail polish or jewellery to school!
- Refill your child's water bottle at home EVERY DAY!

Thank you.