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## Year 5 Newsletter: Autumn 1 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 5, we hope your children have settled in nicely and that it will be an exciting year for all (even if it is slightly different due to the current climate). We have begun the year by looking at 'The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse' and the theme of 'mindfulness'. In our first topic we will be finding the answer to the question - 'Space: is the future always in motion?' Once settled in and used to the routine of school again, our topic will include weekly questions, which we will answer with the week's learning. An overview of our questions, PSHCE, English and Maths coverage has been provided to inform you about our intended learning.

The Key Knowledge Points (KKPs) for this topic are science based, by the end of the topic the children will need to:

- Know about and explain the movement of the Earth and other planets relative to the Sun
- Know about and explain the movement of the Moon relative to the Earth
- Know and demonstrate how night and day are created
- Describe the Sun, Earth and Moon (using the term spherical)

Area of learning	Week 1/ 2/ 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8
Challenge Curriculum	How should we shape up?	How does the Solar System shape up?	Light side or dark side?	What can be seen?	Do you believe we put a man on the moon?	Can you comprehend the scale?
English	The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse	Writing will be based around the Matilda or the topic of Space Reading: Matilda by Roald Dahl				
Maths	Basic Skills	Filling Gaps from Y4 and PV and Number				
PSHCE Jigsaw	Mindfulness and Wellbeing - using the English book.	(linking to our Rights Respecting School status and British Citizenship) Me in my world - rights and responsibilities in our school and wider community				
Additional equipment/ events		Y5 Transition Evening (Zoom) Wednesday Evening  Children will be given a moon study sheet to track the moon on each night for a month.	Class Photos			Parents' Consultation (phone calls - 22 <sup>nd</sup> and 23 <sup>rd</sup> October)



Home learning will obviously be slightly different this year. Children will still be expected to: read regularly but they will not have reading diary for the time being; they will need to log on to TT Rockstars and Spelling Shed each week to practise their basic skills.

Further focused work may be provided if necessary and extra work will always be available if the children, or yourselves, request it - some of this may be made available online. The Accelerated Reader library will run on a rota through the school, so children will only have access to change books once a week (unless there are books in class that are within their ZPD range) - children may be able to take out more than one book if they are completing and passing AR quizzes on a more frequent basis..

We would be grateful if you could support your child by listening to them read and/or discussing the book. We ask pupils to read at home a minimum of three times per week (green in ROA).

P.E. lessons this half term will begin as basketball (based on our observation of break-time play), pupils will need to come to school in their PE kit on a Thursday. A kit consists of an appropriately coloured team t-shirt, navy or black shorts and trainers (appropriate and sensible tracksuits or jumpers can also be worn). It is important that all children have the correct kit.

We usually swim during this term in Year 5, obviously this will not be going ahead until further notice.

Everyone is expected to take part in PE and a note from a parent is required from anyone unable to take part in sessions, due to medical grounds.

As ever, we appreciate your support, if there is anything at all that you wish to discuss, please send us a message on Dojo.

Many Thanks,

Mrs R. Davies, Mr L. Facey, Mrs K. Forrester and Mrs C. Tuck

