



# Year 5 Newsletter

April/May 2018

## Term 3.1 - What's out there?

This half term, we will be starting to learn all about space.

In Literacy, we will plan and write a story based on visiting the mysterious moon of Pandora.

We will also focus on writing algorithms to design our own space themed game on the computer.

Children will be learning about the solar system, including the planets in our solar system and how people travel into space. We will be visiting Jodrell Bank Observatory to learn about how scientist study the stars and planets by using the Lovell telescope, and try to build a moon buggy that would survive a trip to space.

In art, we will be studying Vincent van Gogh and recreating his artwork 'The Starry Night'.

## Ideas for helping at home

If you would like to help with your child's learning at home here are a few ideas:

**Read with your child** - Encourage your child to read both fiction and non-fiction, including newspapers, magazines and comics.

We encourage you to change your child's book at least once a week in class. When children have read and recorded 10 books into their reading record, they receive a sticker. After 50 books, children receive a prize and a visit to the head teacher. With 100 books recorded, children visit the head teacher to choose their own book to keep and a prize.

**Spellings** - Spellings are given every Monday. Support your child to learn these and write them in sentences. We will be assessing the spellings on Friday

**Maths** - Practise the times tables with children as often as possible. Practise quick fire mental calculations—adding and subtracting multiples of 10/100/1000.

**Learning log** - A learning log challenge will be given out each week by your child's class teacher. Help your child to complete their challenge at home. Please ensure your child brings their learning log back the following week to be marked.

## Dates for your diary

27.4.18- 100% attendance visit

7.5.18- Bank Holiday (school closed)

21.5.18/24.5.18- Jodrell Bank Observatory visit.



## P.E. Kits

*This half term Class 13 P.E. lessons are in the form of SWIMMING.*

Swimming lessons are on Fridays and are at Concord Sports Centre.

Please make sure your child brings with them a towel and suitable swimwear.

Girls should have their hair tied up in a bobble.

**NO JEWELLRY** to be worn on this day.

Class 14 will have their P.E. lessons on

Thursdays

Please make sure your child brings a P.E. kit with suitable shoes

## Home Readers

Your child can bring home a level appropriate book, to enhance their reading skills. Please complete the Reading Record Book together with your child.