



Jessie Younghusband School

Year 5 – Spring Term – Curriculum Letter

Welcome to the Year 5 curriculum letter within which you will find useful information about the forthcoming term. It is amazing to think that we are already a third of the way through the academic year! I am very pleased to be part of Jessie Younghusband and I am looking forward to the remainder of the year ahead.

Reminders:

- Please can P.E. kit continue to be in school all week from Monday morning? It will then be sent home each Friday to completely clear the cloakroom and to allow the kit to be washed. To ensure that any 'found' items can be returned to their owners promptly, please can you ensure that your child's P.E. kit and other school clothing is clearly named? The children will need football boots for Tag Rugby in P.E.
- Home learning is usually set on a Friday to be returned by the following Friday. Thank you for your continued support with signing off home learning tasks and encouraging your child to hand their home learning in on time.
- Every Friday the children will bring home spellings. We are continuing to work on all of the times tables, so the children will be tested on them all. These will be tested on Friday. Regular practise of these at home is absolutely essential for improving and maintaining speed and accuracy of recall – again, thank you for your continued support with this.
- Regular reading aloud continues to be essential in Year 5 – supporting your child by listening to them read and engaging with them on the content of their reading material will help them to make progress. Daily reading material will include your child's school book, but can of course extend to texts such as other reading books, newspapers, recipe books, magazines/comics or joke books.

Last term:

The Autumn Term was a **very** busy one for Year 5, learning about Rainforests – as well as some other projects. Some of the highlights included:

- The visit from "Jaws'N'Claws" and animal handling.
- Creating awesome rainforest-inspired smoothies!
- Drawing Georgia O'Keeffe style pictures with pastels.
- Year 5 camp



This term:

This term promises to be another action packed term as we learn about Space and Heroes. As they did last term, the children will continue to have an on-going input into their learning regarding this topic; they will also choose how to present more of their work.

The topic has a clear science focus but also links to the English, Computing, D&T, history and art that we will be doing. There will be many exciting experiences for us to look forward to which include:

- Learning about Space and what is beyond!
- Writing to a British astronaut.
- "Alien Day"
- Visiting the Planetarium in Chichester.
- Designing and making superhero capes.



Ideas for supporting your child's learning:

- Useful websites for homework help include:
<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/space.html> .
- Visiting the local library.
- Useful books to read include non-fiction texts about space and anything to do with science fiction.
- Continue to develop your child's mental maths with some quick-fire questions based on times tables (and their related division facts), addition and subtraction of 2 or 3 numbers, including questions with money, negative numbers and decimals.
- Explore measures in the context of home including time (e.g. the 12- and 24-hour clock), shape and fractions.

Finally, does anyone:

- Have any space-related resources? (If you can lend us anything for display in the classroom please name it in some way so that it can be returned to the owner!)
- Have a good DVD on space and heroes which we could borrow, or a music CD featuring space/hero sounds/music?
- Have time to support us on our trips or with our DT work?
- Work in the emergency services or is a community hero?



Kind regards,

Mr White