



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the Summer break. We have an exciting term ahead.....

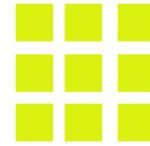
How Parents/Carers can help at home...

The expectation for home learning is daily reading practise, a weekly 20 minute Maths and English task plus a weekly 10 minute spelling practise. Homework will be handed out on Wednesday and should be given in the following Monday. Assisting children in learning their times tables and basic number facts will greatly support their progress in school. We really value your interest in your child's learning as this has a tremendous impact on their success in the classroom.

**Dates for your Diary**

- Wednesday 12th September - Parent Meet and Greet.
- Tuesday 18th September - Spy Day.
- Friday 16th November - Snow Centre Trip - More details to follow by letter.
- Monday 29th October - Individual School Photographs.
- Thursday 8th November - Cinema Trip.

Thank you,  
Year 5 Team



Nine Acres Primary School  
Autumn Term 1 2018

Year 5 Team

Mrs Scott



Miss Hancox



Mrs Winter



Mrs Sibbick



Parent Information Leaflet

'Striving for Excellence'

# Year 5 Autumn Term 1 - 2018 Theme - Stargazers

## Theme

For this half term, we will launch into Space and be exploring our Solar System, the wider galaxy and the universe. We will become astronomers, looking at different star constellations whilst learning what it would be like to become an astronaut and live in space.

After learning about the planets within our Solar System and stars beyond, we will have the opportunity to try to spot them for ourselves! Parents will be welcomed in for an evening of stargazing with their children.

## Science

Space... the final frontier!

In Science, we will be looking at models of the solar system and researching the movement of the Earth and other planets relative to the sun in the solar system. We will also be describing the movement of the moon relative to the Earth and considering how ideas about the Earth's rotation can explain the apparent movement of the sun across the sky.



## RE

This term, our RE focus shall be belonging. We will look broadly at the five pillars of Islam, focusing more specifically on Shahada (declaration of belief) and Salat (daily prayer).

## Mathematics

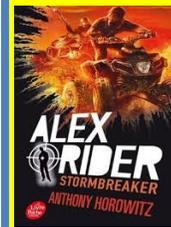
This half we will be focusing on our understanding of the number system, including place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division.

We will be working on our problem solving and reasoning skills, ensuring that we are able to explain what we are doing.

We will also be practising our times tables using 'Times Table Rock Stars' in order to collect our badges.



## English



This half term we will be following the action-filled adventures of 14 year old MI5 secret agent, Alex Rider. The Stormbreaker computer is shrouded in mystery which Alex Rider must get to the bottom of. We will find out what it is like to be a spy, creating our own class book informing readers about the life of a spy.

We will be stepping into the young secret agent's shoes here at Nine Acres as our Year 5's experience their own 'Spy Day', on Tuesday 18th September, where they will need to design their own gadgets, crack secret codes and solve clues to discover the location of a captive!

## Art

Pupils are lucky enough to have art days with Mrs Mackrill this term.



**Edinburgh:** Monday 10th September  
**Stirling:** Monday 17th September

## PE

This year pupils will have specialist sports coaches taking their PE lessons, weekly on a Tuesday. As well as dance sessions with Mary Bowdery every Thursday to prepare for the incredible *Isle Dance* competition.

Ensure children have PE kits on  
**Tuesdays and Thursdays.**