



Gisburn Road CP School

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Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter— Spring Term I

Happy New Year Hawk Owls!

Welcome back! I hope that you have all had a fantastic break and are ready to blast off with our new topic focused around space. We have lots of great things planned for the Year and look forward to sharing them with you all. We are always here if you have any concerns or questions. Lastly, thank you so much for the cards and kind gifts that I received at Christmas, they were very much appreciated.



What will we be learning this Term?

English

We will study the science-fiction genre, exploring and using the features to create our own science-fiction texts. We will also look at a range of information texts to research various aspects of our space topic. We will hopefully create some pieces of text that will link together to form an information book.

Maths

We will begin by developing our knowledge of number and will focus especially on getting a good grasp of decimals. We will revise the four operations and will do some fractions and percentages as well.

Science

We will focus on being able to describe the movement of the Earth, and other planets, relative to the Sun in the solar system; describe the movement of the Moon relative to the Earth, describe the Sun, Earth and Moon as approximately spherical bodies and use the idea of the Earth's rotation to explain day and night.

Topic

In art the children will be creating some spectacular art based on space this half term. For music this half term we will listen to sound tracks for Sci-Fi movies. Having built up a bank of resources the children will create their own dramatic sound track to add to a film.



Dates

Wednesday 9th January

Pantomime trip

Monday 25th February

School re-opens after half-term holiday

Thursday 7th March

World Book Day—dress up as your favourite character

Friday 15th March

Year 5 Class Assembly

Monday 1st April

2:30 - 7:30pm

Parents' Afternoon/Evening
School closes at 2:00pm

Home Learning

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English and Maths homework will be given on a Friday to be in the following Thursday. Children will also get a creative homework sheet and must complete at least two of the activities and return their final pieces by Tuesday 12th February.

Home reading.

We ask that your child reads for at least 10 minutes each evening. This can be independent reading, and may include magazines, non-fiction or novels. Your child's book will be changed when they have finished it.

PE

We will be doing PE on Tuesday and Thursday but we would like PE kit in each day as we may complete other PE activities during the week. Please ensure that your child has an indoor and outdoor kit in school.

Autumn 1: **A Kingdom United**



Geography and History based. Maps of Great Britain and the United Kingdom. A look at where the Anglo Saxons came from and how they lived. Fascinating landmarks and facts about the four countries and their capitals.



Autumn 2: **Food Glorious Food**

Geography, Science and D.T based. Where our food comes from, how far it travels, where food grows and how to make different food from around the world.

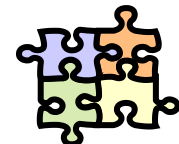
Spring 1: **Earthlings**

Science based. All about space and the world around us.



Spring 2: **Absolute Genius**

History and D.T based. A look into inventions, what were some of the oldest inventions, who were the famous inventors. Can we invent our own toy with cams?



Summer 2: **Amazon Adventure**

Geography and Science based. Where is the Amazon? What lives there? How animals and plants grow and adapt.



Summer 1: **Go Greek**

History based. What was life like in Ancient Greece? Explore and discover traditions, daily life, food and key events.

