

## Year 5 Spring Term Newsletter

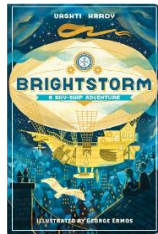
Welcome to the Spring Term Year 5. We are so really happy to be back in school and we are ready to continue our exciting learning journey. We would like to share some details of the subjects and activities we will all enjoy this term.

### English

This term we will be studying the fantasy adventure genre. Inspired by the book 'Brightstorm', children will write their own sky-ship explanation texts, a balanced argument, a newspaper report and adventure stories. We will also be supplementing this with stories and non-fiction accounts of famous explorers.

We have limited copies of the book in school, so you may wish to buy a copy for your child.

On a weekly basis, children will continue to be given 10 spellings to learn for a test the following week and these will be uploaded onto Class Dojo on a Friday. All pupils will have opportunities to practise learning how to correctly spell these words at school, but additional practice at home will greatly benefit your child. We will also look at the meanings of these words in class and this can also be reinforced at home.



### Maths

This term our learning will include: multiplying and division using standard written methods; equivalent fractions; addition and subtraction of fractions; comparing fractions; fractions of amounts; decimals to thousandths; percentages.

Knowledge of times tables forms a crucial foundation for most Maths concepts in Year 5. If your child has not yet mastered the quick recall of times tables, there are several online games and apps which provide a fun way to support at home such as Hit the Button:

(<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths=games/hit-the-button>).

Your child can also access Times Tables Rockstars at home using their individual login details. It is important to recall facts of random tables and sound knowledge involves knowing inverse facts too. E.g.  $7 \times 8 = 56$  and  $56 \div 7 = 8$

### Explore, Dream, Discover Curriculum

In Science the children will be learning about working scientifically and The Solar System. The children will develop their understanding of Earth and Space through practical activities, research and observations. An exciting event to look forward to is our NASA Night, which will take place on 16<sup>th</sup> of March.

In Geography, children will learn more about the natural world through their study of rivers and they will extend their knowledge and understanding beyond the local area to include the United Kingdom and Europe, North and South America.

Spanish lessons will continue with consolidation of vocabulary associated with describing ourselves including parts of the body, activities and feelings.

## PE

This term PE will include a focus on gymnastics and Tabata (a quick intensive workout). Please remember that children are now asked to come to school wearing their PE kit on Mondays and Thursdays and they will remain in their kit throughout the day.

All children are able to participate in the Bikeability scheme once again. The dates for these sessions will be Monday 20th, Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> of March. Children will be informed of which day they are attending nearer to the time.

We will also continue to have Fitness Fridays (Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February and 31<sup>st</sup> March).

## Homework

Homework will be given out on a weekly basis – it will be sent via Class Dojo every Wednesday to be completed by the following Monday. This will focus on times-tables, which are such an important part of mathematical fluency. It is important that children return their completed work promptly.

Homework is planned to closely match children's ability and to support what they have been learning in class. All children complete the same work online, with a challenge being set for those who are able to complete an extension activity in spellings. Some children will be focusing on their individual spellings, but will also be exposed to the class spellings in lessons, to encourage development of vocabulary.

Reading books will continue to be sent home and we encourage children to read at least 5 times a week. Reading progress will continue to be monitored using Accelerated Reader. Individual children's reading will be recorded in school, with each child completing a written record of finished books, including details of their quiz scores.

Please note our new start and finish times in Year 5.

Start of the day – doors open 8:35am and close at 8:44am

End of the day – children leave at 3:15pm

Thank you for all the support that you give your child in their learning.

If you wish to contact your class teacher, please use ClassDojo as this is now our main communication link.

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