

Year 5 Learning

Spring 2

Welcome back! We hope you had a relaxing and well-deserved half-term. Our Spring term learning has gotten off to great start and we have had fun immersing ourselves in our topics of Earth, Space and the History of Astronomy.

This half-term will continue our Topic focus, and we will deepen our understanding and learning of maths, English and many more subjects too.



Spring Term Topic - Discover

History of Astronomy

We will be:

- learning about astronomy from the iron age and ancient Egypt right the way to the present day
- exploring the unknown and the people who have been inspired to investigate it
- analysing historical positions on astronomy, such as geocentric world views and flat earth theory
- learning about and comparing astronomers from around the world
- discovering how belief and ideas can change over time

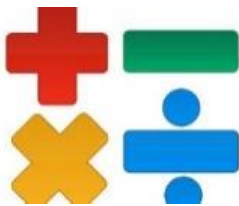
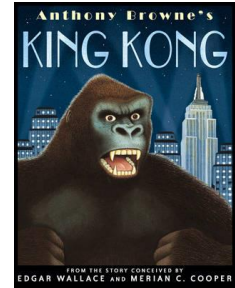


English Learning

In English, we will be looking at Anthony Browne's *King Kong* as well linking themes to our Discover topic.

We will learn:

- about the features of a picture book aimed at older readers
- about newspapers and their features
- about letters and their purpose and audience
- to write from a character's POV
- to sharpen our writing using more advanced grammar and punctuation



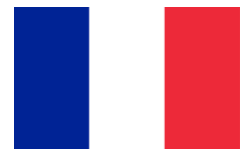
Mathematical Learning

This half term we are looking at:

- building on our fraction knowledge and linking fractions to decimals and percentages
- shape and measurement, including perimeter and area
- statistics, graphs and charts

French Learning

This half term we will be learning about how to write and speak about different animals.



PSHE Learning

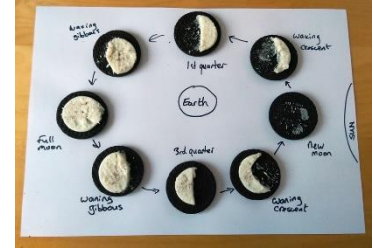
We will be learning about families and relationships, the changing body and online safety.



Scientific Learning

Our topic this half term will be Earth and Space.

- We will learn about Earth and Space whilst exploring our Discover topic – *History of Astronomy*
- We will learn about our Earth, its place in the solar system and in the universe
- We will explore our Moon and its phases as well as our neighbouring planets and their features
- We will examine other planets and the possibility of life on them



Music Learning

We will be basing our learning around Gustav Holst's *The Planets* suite. We will learn about the composer's musical influences and how they shaped his music, and learning about timbre, rhythm and time signatures, as well as composing our own piece for a ninth planet.



Computing Learning

We will be looking at using the internet for research and calculation, as well as working on our Google Slides skills.



PE Learning

Outdoor PE this term will be building our skills in rounders ready for some games.

Faith and Wonder Learning

We are learning about Salvation and the Passion ahead of the Easter holiday.





How can you help?

- Continuing to **read with your child regularly**, with lots of discussion about the books.
- Lots of regular **times table testing** and quick maths skills following the instructions indicated on the home learning sheets. The faster the response, the better!
- Supporting your child with learning their **spellings**, discussing the meanings of words, putting them into sentences and reviewing spellings from previous weeks.
- All of this will be on the weekly home learning sheets.



Dates to be aware of for this half term:

- Thursday 7th March – World Book Day
- Friday 8th March – St Margaret's Got Talent 6pm-8pm
- W/C March 11th – Science Week
- Friday 29th March – Good Friday Bank Holiday

Further dates and information may come out from the Office throughout the half term.



If you have any resources you are happy to loan to us or have any particular knowledge about any of our focuses, please let us know.

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