



Year 5 Curriculum News



Welcome

We have had a very productive and positive start to term in Year 5 and we have really enjoyed getting to know your children and learning about their strengths and areas for development. The children have been enjoying learning about our Science topic of Space and taking part in a variety of investigations and activities. We have also enjoyed practising tag-rugby and gymnastics in P.E. We look forward to meeting Year 5 parents this week when you can learn more about the year ahead. It has been lovely to meet you on the playground at the start of term. We believe the partnership between parents, children and school is a high priority to us and we look forward to greeting you if we haven't yet met you. Please feel free to pop and speak to us if you have any questions.

Spelling and handwriting

Spellings will be set and assessed on Fridays. The children will have their spelling lists in their planners. They can practise these in their home learning journals in a variety of ways—we will send home more details on this in due course.

Handwriting is a key focus in school this term. We expect to see all written tasks, including home learning, presented to a high standard.



Reading

As always, regular reading forms an essential element of learning at home as well as instilling in the children a love of literature. We wholeheartedly recommend that you spend time enjoying and talking about books at home. Thank you for your support and comments in your child's reading record so far. We will be closely monitoring reading carried out at home and providing the children with recommended books to read. Please do continue to listen to your child read regularly and record the book(s) they have read in their planner. Children should read at least four times per week at home. They should read to an adult at home at least once per week.



P.E. Kit

The children will be having PE lessons at least twice a week. Please ensure both indoor and outdoor P.E kits are in school every day as timetables can be subject to change and additional sporting activities sometimes take place. An outdoor PE kit consists of: trainers, black jogging bottoms, white t-shirt, white socks and black fleece or school tracksuit top. An indoor kit consists of red or white shorts, white socks and white logo'd t-shirt. No item of clothing which they wear as part of the normal school day should be worn for PE. Long hair must be tied up and earrings removed or taped up only if pierced in the last 6 weeks.

Sport and P.E.

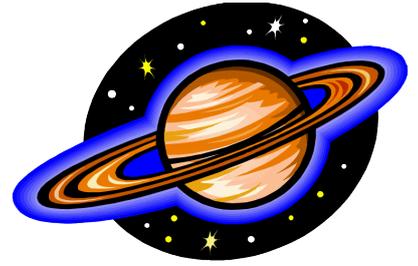
We have already begun practising the skills necessary for competitive Tag-Rugby. This term we will also be developing our skills in gymnastics, invasion games, benchball and indoor athletics.



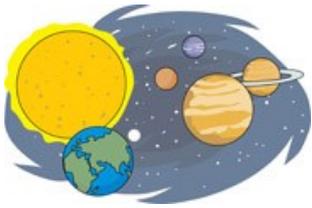
Space and the Movies...

We will be learning about how our solar system functions. So far, we have examined the process of day and night; the creation and structure of the earth; the phases of the moon and the planets that make up our solar system.

Additionally, we will be learning about why the earth experiences different seasons and learning about the history of space exploration. Furthermore, we will be investigating which of the forces act on a rocket during launch.



Idea for further learning at home...



Make your own pop rocket and record it's launch. Share this with us via the school twitter account (@ElloughtonPS). Further information can be found by using the link below.

<https://www.stem.org.uk/elibrary/resource/29547>

E-Safety

We will be learning to effectively use search technologies. Considering how to use them safely, respectfully and responsibly, by recognising acceptable and unacceptable behaviour. Additionally, we will learn how to report concerns.



Lunar-Rovers

To link with our science topic of space, we will be designing and creating lunar buggies to manoeuvre over a 'moon-like' landscape, in design and technology.

This will involve learning how to use mechanical systems such as gears. The children will research, develop, model and communicate their ideas in appropriate ways, including selecting suitable materials and components based on their functional properties.



Hinduism

In religious education we will be learning about Hinduism. We will experience some practices and traditions through lessons, theme days and other events.

Our first theme day will focus on the Hindu festival of lights, known as Diwali. Children will have the opportunity to make their own diva lamp.



Home Learning

Home learning will be set for Maths and English on Fridays and is to be handed in on the following Wednesday. Your child will be using their new school planner to assist them with their organisation. Details of the tasks set will be in writing in their planner for you to check and refer to. Please would you sign in the planner to confirm your child has completed their home learning. We will check this every Wednesday when their home learning is handed in. Your child may also write down any useful websites in school which may be relevant to their tasks.