

## Reminders

### Homework

Your child will be given Maths homework every week on a Thursday and it is due to be posted on SeeSaw by following Wednesday. There will also be a half-termly topic grid for the children to pick tasks from. Your child will also get a reading book (or they can read an appropriate book from home if they are a free reader) and they should read each day. Work posted on SeeSaw will be checked by a class adult. **Before posting ensure that the image is as clear as possible and for maths make sure it is marked with big ticks or crosses as it can be hard to read work from a picture.**

### P.E.

PE will be on a Monday and a Wednesday. The children need to come into school in their PE kit on these days. PE will be a mixture of indoor and outdoor activities so the children need to dress appropriately.

- Coloured top
- Green shorts
- Legging/ joggers/ sweatshirt/ hoodie for cold weather
- Chn can also wear the new Pixmore PE kit if they own it, however, there is no requirement to purchase it.

**Please ensure that all items of uniform are named, hair is tied up and you're your child is not wearing any jewellery, including earrings.**

### Helping your child with reading

- Choose any books that appeal to your child, for example, stories or Information, books on hobbies/interests, such as football or animals. Newspapers, magazines, recipes, games instructions can be read together.
- Find a quiet, relaxing place away from distractions such as the TV.
- Read for about **20 minutes every day**; a regular short time of quality is better than a long session which happens only occasionally.
- If they get stuck on a word, you could:
  - Let them read on so they can work out the word themselves from the context#
  - Point to a picture if it will help them guess the meaning
  - Give them the first or last sounds to help them
  - Read the word for them (especially if it is a Proper Name)
  - When they are confident with sounds, let them sound out unknown words – break longer words down into syllables
  - Do not sound out words which are not phonetic e.g. 'because'
  - Encourage expressive reading by drawing attention to punctuation.
  - Model good reading by reading stories to your child.

# Year 5 Autumn Term Curriculum Update 2021



### Important Dates for the Term

Meet The Teacher – 13th Sept

Half term – W/c 25th October

## Autumn Term Curriculum

### English

Our writing this term will be linked to Space for the first half. The children are going to write a diary entry as Neil Armstrong, a news report about the first moon landing and a science fiction narrative. The second half term will be based on the story Oliver Twist as this links to the Victorians.

### Mathematics

This term is based on number and calculation. We will first explore 7 digit numbers (comparing them, ordering them and rounding them).

### Computing

We will be learning about safe and appropriate use of online technologies including creating and using blogs and wikis.

### Topic (History/Geography)

In the first half term we will be studying aspects of human and physical geography in the UK and refreshing our map skills. Children will learn how to use various types of maps including local, world, political and physical. After half term, we will begin our history topic which is the Victorians. As well as exploring what life was like for the Victorians, we will learn about how inventions and laws from the Victorian era have impacted today's society.

### Science

This term will be will studying Earth and space and forces. Earth and space is in the first half term and we will be looking at the planets and their names and properties as well as discussing how they move around the sun. In forces, we will be looking at a different force each week such as gravity and friction and writing and doing experiments to find out more about each force.

### Art & DT

In art during the first half term, the children are undertaking an artist study about the life and work of Laurel Burch. They will be producing their own piece of art work inspired by her style. After half term, we will be learning drawing skills and producing some observational sketches.

### Music

This term our music sessions will be a music unit on space. In addition to this we will be rehearsing songs for the Upper School Carol Concert.

### RE

This term, year 5 will be revisiting Christianity but also learning about Judaism. For both religions, we will look at symbols, place of worship, festivals and rules for living.

### PE

We will be looking at tag rugby, table tennis and swimming this term. We will be focusing on the throwing and catching of the ball, dodging and weaving to get past the opposition and working our way up to playing a full game.

From the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September, PE will be swimming on a Wednesday morning. The children should come to school with their swimming clothes underneath their PE kit as they will also have PE in the afternoon. From this date, children should no longer wear PE kit on a Monday. It will only be required on a Wednesday.

### French

We will be focusing on topics such as pets, animals, country names and food.

## *Learning Commitments – Autumn 2021*

*Learning Commitments are targets that parents will engage with at home with their children in addition to your child's weekly homework. These may be life skills, academic skills or topic linked skills which the children are going to need to develop over the course of the term.*

### Year 5's Autumn Term Learning Commitments

- Be able to tell the time on both analogue and digital clocks.
- To learn their 6, 7 and 8 times tables (in any order).
- To be responsible for remembering when the PE days are and when they should come into in PE kit and to bring in a water bottle everyday.
- To read a classic children's story together.
- To be able to tie their shoelaces.