

## PE

Year 5 have swimming on a Tuesday morning and PE on a Thursday afternoon. Please ensure that your child has their swim kit in school on Tuesdays and they are wearing school uniform. On Thursday they can wear PE kit to school. Long hair needs to be tied back and jewellery removed in PE for safety. If you have any concerns, please speak to a member of staff.

## Homework

Pupils receive homework every Friday. This includes:

- learning the weekly spellings
- reading 5 x a week for at least 20 minutes and having their reading record signed.
- English task set on Mirodo
- Maths task set on Mirodo

Homework needs to be completed by the following Friday when this will be checked online and reading / spelling diaries reviewed.

If your child cannot access a computer at home, please let the teacher know as soon as possible.

When children reach the end of a unit in Maths, they will be sent home with a booklet to complete and share with yourselves instead of the weekly Mirodo tasks.

Year 5 Reading Challenge

Star	Book Title	Author	Genre	Star
★	The Tale of Despereaux	Kate DiCamillo	Children's Fiction	★
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Bronze Award - 8 books Silver Award - 15 books Gold Award - 25 books

## Book Award

The aim is to complete the Book Award challenge by the end of the academic year. Reading 10 books each term will help to keep you on track to be entered in for a star prize!

## Key Dates

Space camp Thursday 28th – 29th November. Year 5 maths workshop 2.30pm on Tuesday 12th November. Christmas by candlelight at St Mary's Church 2:30pm 20<sup>th</sup> December.



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Year 5

Autumn Term



## Writing

They will develop their writing skills in a suspense narrative and persuasion text following the talk 4 writing model.

Spellings will be given out on a Friday and will be tested the following Friday. We would like your support to practise these at home. It is important that these are practised, as we expect our pupils to use them in their writing.

## Geography

As geographers, children will be learning about rainforests. We will learn about biomes and world climates, where rainforests are located and their different canopy layers. We will look to answer the question: Why should we save the Amazon Rainforest?



## Art

Pupils will be exploring the Arts and crafts movements and the printing work of William Morris before designing their own botanical print. Children will gain skills using carving tools and practise overprinting with contrasting colours.



## Science

During this unit of work, children will learn about Earth and Space. They will build on their knowledge of how mass attracts mass understanding how the force of gravity keeps the moon in orbit of the Earth. Children will explore the concepts of orbit and rotation to explain how our solar system works.

With luck, the weather will be on our side during Space Camp so children can get the opportunity to see stars and planets for themselves!



## PSHE

This term we will be discussing difference and diversity. This supports the British values of Respect and Tolerance towards others. Children will explore the terms discrimination and prejudice and recognise the importance of having compassion for others.



## Music

Children are introduced to a famous genre of music (Blues) and its history, and learn to identify the key features and mood of Blues music and its importance and purpose. They also get to grips with the 12-bar Blues and the Blues scale, and combine these to create an improvised piece with a familiar, repetitive backing.



## RE

Children will be exploring the question: What would Jesus do?

Children will look at different stories from the Bible and discuss the importance of these and how they influence Christians lives

## Reading

We will continue to read 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell, which is based on children surviving a plane crash in the Amazon jungle. Children will practise reading daily in class as well as developing their key reading skills through directed practise of word meanings, retrieval, inference, summary, sequencing, comparison, explanation and prediction.

As Christmas approaches children will read the classic 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens and explore his authorial intent.

Every child will have a home reader book which will be sent home for your child to read independently. Please try and hear your child read or check their understanding of words and the text by asking questions about what they have read.



## Maths

As mathematicians, we will be exploring the patterns found in number. Looking at multiples, factors, square and cube numbers. A key feature of maths in Years 5 and 6 is application of number facts therefore it is essential that children continue to practise their times tables. All children are still able to access Times Tables Rockstars, just like they did last year, so log in and see if you have what it takes to be a Rockstar.

## Computing

Children will be introduced to video production in this creating media unit. Children will use tablets to practice video techniques, use of storyboards and editing their work.



## French

As linguists, we will be developing our reading, speaking and listening skills, responding to questions. This term the focus will be on description, using adjectives and prepositions to develop sentence structure.