

Literacy:

Currently in literacy our theme is space! So far the children have been extremely enthusiastic towards their literacy as they are finding the topic very interesting! Within this half term we will be writing a non-chronological report, a diary entry from the view point of an astronaut and finally a newspaper report on Martian invasion. When writing each of these pieces, we will have a number of different grammar focuses such as: subordinate, relative & embedded clauses, fronted adverbials, personification, metaphors and similes. We are going to continue to focus on using interesting vocabulary throughout our work, structuring paragraphs correctly and using sophisticated punctuation. Next half term we will be moving on to The Northern Saints, where we will work further on advancing our literacy skills.

Science:

Throughout the first half term in science, our topic makes links with our literacy as we are doing about space! The children are loving finding out facts about space and using our design skills to create models to help us understand space in more detail!

Parental Support:

It is really important in Year 5 that the children are reading every night at home and we would really appreciate if parents and carers would continue to listen to the children reading each night for 5-10 minutes and write a comment when your child has read. Furthermore, please support your child to learn their weekly spellings. Thank you for your continued support it is very much appreciated.

Art:

The children will continue to develop their art and design techniques and have begun to focus on creating space drawings.

Numeracy:

In numeracy, the children will continue to focus on building their fluency and confidence in long multiplication and division, as well as being able to pick out the needed operation from a word problem

We are then going to move on to fractions. The children will learn to compare and order fractions before beginning to add, subtract and multiply fractions.

The final numeracy topic we will focus on this term will be decimals and percentages. Eventually we will begin to solve problems that involve decimals and percentage- which again will focus on the children's mathematical vocabulary.

PE:

PE will take place on a Wednesday and Friday afternoon this half term the children are doing dance. On a Thursday the children are doing space themed dances and on Friday afternoon the children are doing Ballroom and Latin dancing with Miss Grylls – we are currently in the process of learning the SALSA!! Please make sure children have their kit in at all times.

History:

Next half term the history topic will be on Northern Saints, which will make specific links with their literacy.

Trips:

We have a planned trip to Durham Cathedral this term, which will take place on Tuesday 10th March.

RE:

During the first half term we will be focusing on the theme local church where we will focus on the topic mission.

French:

In French the children are going to work with Mrs. Colley. Throughout this term the children are going to continue to build on their confidence and ability to speak French.

