

Spring Term 2020 – Year 5/6

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

Welcome Back! I hope you have enjoyed Christmas and had lots of fun.

This term's topic for Year 5 and 6 is '**Earth and Space**', through which we will discover what the earth is made of and how it is part of our solar system. We plan to have the Science Oxford team visit us this term with a planetarium. A separate letter will be issued with more detail as we get closer to the visit.

We will also be studying Light in Science lessons and investigating cams through space buggies in our DT topic; in geography we will be studying mountains, volcanos and earthquakes; in English we are going to write reports and stories; there will be opportunities for interesting debates; and as always, lots of art and craft activities. Also, we are pleased that we have African drumming lessons starting again this term.

In February, Year 6 are invited to Oxford to a Junior Citizen course which teaches them how to deal with many life situations to keep them safe and finding out how to cope in difficult situations. In March, Year 5 will be offered the opportunity to perform some songs in a concert at Bayard's Hill.

There are many sporting opportunities for Year5/6 so please ensure your child has school PE kit – white tops and navy shorts/tracksuits or leggings, and trainers- in school EVERY day. There is an Indoor athletic tournament, netball tournament, tag rugby, and girls' football tournament too.

Homework is given out **each week** and needs to be handed back on the correct day for your class. Your child should be able to do their homework independently, (maybe after a nudge in the right direction), but please feel free to write in the homework book if your child has struggled with it and you feel we should know they have needed extra help.

Spellings will be given on **Mondays**. **Reading records** are to be filled in each week.

We look forward to seeing you all at the next Parent Meeting; but feel free to come and discuss any concerns before then if necessary.

Best Wishes

Emma Brown, Amy Lancaster and Caeron Phillips

