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YEAR 5 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

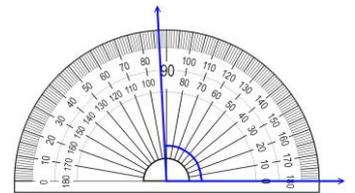
Welcome to an exciting final term in Year 5. We have already launched our cross-curricular topic 'Out of this World' with an excellent visit to the Space Centre. The children were very enthusiastic and behaved impeccably. We would also like to thank you for your continued support with Home Learning. This is a very important term for preparing the children for Year 6.

What's happening in Year 5 this term?

Maths

Throughout this term, the main areas we will be covering are:

- Decimals
- Geometry – Properties of shape including measuring, drawing and calculating angles.
- Geometry – Position and direction
- Measurement – converting units
- Measure – volume
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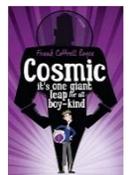
We will also continually be pushing the children to apply these skills in a number of practical, real-life contexts and in some tricky problems and investigations.

In addition, we will continue to have **weekly times tables/mental maths tests** on a **Monday** and will be expecting children to work on these and practise them at home ready for our test. Please don't forget to log onto ttrackstars to practise. Well done to those who worked so hard to learn their tables last term; it really has made a difference!

English

Within English we will be focussing on several different texts and genres:

- A Persuasive leaflet advertising the National Space centre
- A balanced argument and letters using the text 'Cosmic'
- A newspaper report and diary inspired by Michael Morpurgo's 'The Giant's necklace.'



We will also be continuing to develop children's grammar and punctuation skills and there will be a large emphasis on using accurate spelling, grammar and punctuation in writing.



REMEMBER the library is open every day after school and the Y5 lunchtime slot is Thursday for you to choose new books and enjoy reading in our lovely new library area! We will also visit the library as a class at least once a week.

<h2 style="text-align: center;">Topic</h2>	<p>We are so excited to <i>launch</i> our cross-curricular topic 'Out of this world.' This space themed work will cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant events in Space history including the first man on the moon and the Space race between the USA and USSR • Important people who have contributed to space exploration including Neil Armstrong and Tim Peake • A study of the planets in our Solar system • Abstract Art inspired by Peter Thorpe • Music immersion based on The Planet Suite by Gustav Holst • Futuristic/robotic interpretative dance choreographed by the children 
<h2 style="text-align: center;">Science</h2>	<p>We will be covering the following 2 Science topics this term:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth, sun and moon which links to our cross-curricular topic. • In our 'Forces' topic, the children will explore what forces are before investigating how different forces work. 

Home Learning

Well done Year 5 for the high volume of home learning being handed in on time!
Home learning will continue to be sent out weekly and will be based on specific English and Maths activities, as well as the required Reading, Spelling and Times Table practise. There is also an optional selection of Space topic home learning activities which your child may wish to complete.
As always, although we encourage children to complete these tasks at home, we are available during the week to offer additional support/resources if needed on a Thursday lunchtime.

Key Dates	
<p><u>Class Assemblies at 3pm</u> Chaffinch (T5 Miss Tate) – Wednesday 23rd May Starling (H5 Mrs Mehta) – Wednesday 20th June Y5 Open afternoon – Thursday 5th July 2pm</p>	<p><u>Other Dates:</u></p>

Remember to keep an eye on the school website www.abbotsfarm.co.uk and follow us on Twitter @abbotsfarm to keep up to date with the latest events and information

We hope that the information in this letter will help you to assist your child with their learning this term. If you wish to contact us for any reason, please feel free to speak to the office to arrange a time.

Best wishes
Miss Tate, Mrs Mehta, Mrs Briggs and Miss Bright

