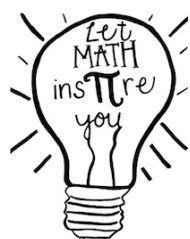


Year 5 Autumn 2 Term Newsletter

What your child will be learning this term:

Curriculum

Project: Our project for this half term is titled 'Stargazers'. To get this project started the children this week have had a visit from the Mobile Planetarium which has really fired up their enthusiasm! Over the course of this half term, we will be learning about the science behind our universe and space exploration and using design technology skills to research and design rockets. This half term's project is predominantly science based, which will ensure the children have plenty of opportunity to build upon their investigative skills from our mini-beast investigation last half term. This project will conclude with an exciting venture – more later in the term.



In Numeracy, we will be working on multiplication and division whilst also looking at special numbers such as prime and square numbers. Key maths words we are reinforcing are **factors, multiples, product, divisor, divisible by and quotient**. As always times tables and division facts are key features; especially as we use this knowledge to test any rules we apply in maths. Rapid recall is essential. Please ensure your child practises their times tables on a daily basis for a few minutes each day. Suggested method of practice would be: x 2, x10, x5, x3, x4, x6, x8, x9, x7, x11, x12 up to 12x 12. We will also be spending one week on statistics later in the term. Further information regarding the expectations for maths in Year 5 can be found on the

following link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-curriculum-in-england-mathematics-programmes-of-study/national-curriculum-in-england-mathematics-programmes-of-study#year-5-programme-of-study>

Currently in Literacy we are studying the film 'La Luna' and over the next three weeks will explore and adapt the storyline to make our own versions of this tale of compassion and the stars. In the remainder of our Literacy units this half term we will be



reading "Cosmic" linking it to our project and writing some short stories of our own based on this text. We will then spend the next four weeks, engaging with the text continuing with extended writing each week, focusing on planning, drafting, editing and finally producing a piece of work to a presentation standard. We are also exploring myths and legends that feature the moon.



During RE this term, we will be focusing on the importance of remembering those who gave their lives in war for our freedom as we cover Remembrance for 4 weeks followed by considering the meaning of Christmas and comparing differing Christian beliefs surrounding the birth of Christ for the remainder of the half term.



Trips / Visitors / Experiences for the term

- Thursday 2nd November – Stargazer WOW day
- Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th November – Parents' Evening
- Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th November – Individual school photos
- Wednesday 8th December – Open Afternoon
- Wednesday 13th December 2017 – Christmas Carol Concert – Time to be confirmed
- Friday 15th December - Christmas dinner and Christmas Jumper day, School Christmas Fair
- Tuesday 19th December- Stargazer Space Camp
- Wednesday 20th December - Christmas Party
- Thursday 21st December – Break up at 1.15pm

Home Learning

All children should have a bag in which to carry their reading book and homework. Ideally this should be a sealed wallet that keeps these objects clean and tidy.

Reading 15 minutes per day.

Times Tables 5 minutes per day

Spelling 10 minutes per day .

In addition to this home learning tasks and specific maths and literacy tasks.

Home/School Contact

We ask that if you wish to contact us you do this through our home/school contact books, (these books must be in school daily), make an appointment through the school office or email us using the following email addresses:

falcons@stanwellfields.surrey.sch.uk

hawks@stanwellfields.surrey.sch.uk

Behaviour

We have an Assertive Discipline Behaviour Policy at Stanwell Fields which lays down very clearly for each child the behaviour which is expected and the rewards which will be given.



School Rule

Our school rule is: Respect.

All classes have then taken this and adapted to create a set of classroom rules.

Uniform	
Boys	Girls
Grey trousers or shorts Royal blue sweatshirt White school shirt or polo shirt Black or grey socks	Grey skirt, pinafore or trousers Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan White school shirt or polo shirt Blue and white school dress in summer Black, grey or white socks or tights
Our school tie is optional Black school shoes that fasten securely with a low heel.	
PE White T-shirt, royal blue shorts, plimsolls or trainers. A tracksuit may be worn in the winter for outside lessons.	

Please ensure all uniform is named. Mislaid items can then quickly be returned. No jewellery should be worn to school except for religious reasons. Please write to the Headteacher if you wish to request this.

We ask that children have their PE kits in school Monday through to Friday.

Attendance

If your child is to achieve and fulfill their potential, they must be in school on time everyday.

Your child's target for attendance is 96% for the year. This equates to only a handful of days off during the course of the whole year. Please also ensure your child is on time to school each day.

