

Rothwell Schools Year 5 News

Term 2 Newsletter

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Introduction

Welcome back after a very busy Autumn term – we hope you had a lovely Christmas and New Year. Last term, we had lots of fun learning about the Victorians, particularly learning what it was like to work in a manor house at Holdenby House and learning how strict the teachers were during our Victorian School Day! We enjoyed learning lots about Victorian Rothwell and how much it has changed over the years, as well as finding out what an innovative time of change the Victorian era was. As scientists, we have done a gruesome mould experiment and learnt to create different circuits with switches. To finish our term off, we impressed ourselves with our DT skills to create a horror themed moving toy. As well as all of this, we managed to squeeze in our fantastic Christmas production of Mary Poppins! We are incredibly proud of how hard the children worked with their singing and acting skills and would like to thank you for all of your support in providing costumes and learning lines.

In the Spring term, we are very much looking forward to exploring the mind blowing topic of 'Space' and learning all of the 'out of this world' facts!

Events

Leicester Space Centre: 15th January

Year 5 swimming starts: 26th February

World Book Day: 5th March

Parents' evenings: 5th and 10th March

Alien Day (Spring 2)

PE days in year 5

Please ensure that your child has a clearly labelled PE kit in school. The days for PE are outlined below:

Tuesday, Wednesday Thursday

P.E Kit

This is what the children need in school every week to take part in PE lessons:

Indoor PE Kit

White T-shirt

Black shorts

Trainers

(Please make sure your child does not come to school wearing earrings on P.E. days, thank you.)

Outdoor PE Kit

Black Joggers

Jumper / hoody

Swimming Kit

Swimming for year 5 will start 26th February

Swimming costume/trunks (NO bikinis or board shorts)

Towel

Swimming hat

Home Learning

- Please make sure children have their reading book and reading journal in school every day.
- It is a school expectation that every child will read at home three times a week and their parent/carer writes in their reading record.
- IXL is up and running again so please ask your child's class teacher if you need a login.
- Weekly spellings are sent home to be learnt for a weekly test.
- Your child will be expected to learn the weekly times tables, which are tested in class.

Curriculum overview for Year 5

Please see below what exciting learning opportunities are happening in year 5.

Year Five		
English	Maths	Topic
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Mouse in Space: Armstrong</i>• Biography of Armstrong• Non-fiction text on Space suits• Recount of going into space/the moon landing• Non-fiction fact file on our class planet• <i>War of the Worlds</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Multiplication and Division• Area and Perimeter• Fractions• Decimals and percentages	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>SPACE</i>• Science: Earth and Space: Phases of the moon, the solar system, day and night, historical scientists and theorists• Forces: gravity, air and water resistance, friction, mechanisms• DT: Design and make a space suit• Art: Robert Rauschenberg• Design an alien for your planet• Dehydrating food for space
You could support your child by...		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reading three times a week• Asking questions to check children's understanding of texts• Learning weekly spellings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continual revision of times tables up to x12 including the inverse• Everyday life skills such as: telling the time, handling and using money, measure• Recap formal methods	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Asking questions about their learning• Researching fun facts about Space

We look forward to continuing our journey with your child and encourage you to make contact with the class teacher about anything we can help or support with, kind regards Miss Welch

(Year 5 lead)