



St Edmund's RC Primary School

SPRING TERM 2021 Year 5 Class Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back! I hope you all had a restful Christmas break.

Curriculum

We have a busy term ahead. We will begin with a Science focus exploring Earth and Space. We will be learning about the different planets and using practical experiments to understand how the Solar System works. Later in the term, we will be learning about forces. The children will be creating parachutes to investigate resistance and launching rockets to explore and understand other forces.

We will then move on to a Geography focus looking at the Polar Regions. We will be exploring the geography of the Polar Regions and using maps and atlases to broaden the children's awareness of the different aspects of our planet.

In Maths, the children will continue to learn mental and written calculation methods. They will apply these methods to mental arithmetic. They will also continue to consolidate their understanding of place value and decimals, data and fractions. Reasoning and problem solving are a continuing focus in Maths, enabling the children to develop a deeper understanding of Maths as a relevant and powerful tool which can be used in a variety of settings. The children will continue to develop their mathematical skills through regular investigations.

Please can we ask students to start collecting any of the following to bring into school as soon as possible for art lessons and science investigations:

- Recycled plastic bottles – 1-2L
- Corks
- Jam jars

Homework

Thank you for your support with homework. I will set Maths and English/Topic homework each week alongside regular spellings. Please carry on with the reading challenges and aspire to read as much as possible. Homework will continue to be given out on Fridays and will be expected back in the following Wednesday.

One of the most powerful ways you can help your child is by helping them develop a love of reading. This may be through them seeing you read and enjoy books, through them reading to you or you to

them, or discussing different things you have read together. Reading regularly will help your child with every subject. Children who read regularly at school and at home make the most progress so thank you so much for your support in this area. Please continue to encourage your child to read every day.

The enthusiasm and performance for Year 5 in Times Tables Rock Stars has been outstanding. I could see that many children were practicing over the school holidays. This will help them enormously with their maths work in Upper Key Stage 2 and beyond.

School Uniform and PE kit

PE will continue to be on a Thursday afternoon. Make sure to have trainers as we will carry on with Our Daily Mile after break each day. Please ensure you have a PE kit suitable for the colder temperatures this term.

If you have any queries, or if you wish to talk to me, I'll be available after school or via the class email address: class5@st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk

Warm wishes,

Ms. Pérez