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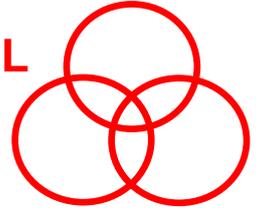
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Headteacher: Mrs M Delany-White



## Year 5 Spring Newsletter 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! The Year 5 staff hope you had a peaceful and happy Christmas break and are looking forward to the term ahead. Thank you so much for the lovely cards and thoughtful gifts from the children, all the staff really appreciate your kindness.

### **Curriculum**

We have a busy term ahead. To ease us back into the school routine the whole school is taking part in Art Week, with each class looking at a different artist or art form during the first three days. Our focus is on manga artists, in particular Akira Toriyama and recreating some of his art using different mediums.

The rest of the first half of the term will have a science focus exploring Space and the Solar System, and then during the second half of the term we will move onto a history focus learning about the Ancient Greeks.

### **English**

Following our creative curriculum model, our English lessons will be influenced by what we are learning about in our topic lessons. Our non-fiction writing will be based on the Solar System, Apollo missions, the space race and Greek Gods. Our narrative writing will link to Star Wars and Greek Myths, which we will then use to create play scripts. We will use persuasive writing techniques to produce adverts to recruit astronauts, and our poetry will be inspired by Peter Thorpe's space art.

### **Maths**

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, as well as studying perimeter, area, volume, and fractions. Towards the end of the spring term the class will complete work on decimals and percentages. 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.





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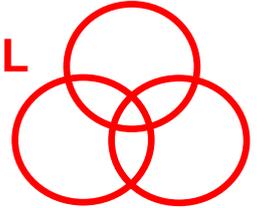
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### **Science**

This term we will be exploring Space and the Solar System in Science. We will be learning about the different planets and using practical experiments to understand how the Solar System works. Later in the second half of the term, we will be learning about forces. The children will be creating parachutes and boats to investigate resistance and buoyancy, amongst other forces.

### **Religious Education**

The spring term areas of study in RE are Christmas, Revelation, Sacraments and Lent. We will also continue to access The Mark Ten Mission worships and attend Mass weekly online each Thursday morning.

### **Homework**

Thank you for your support with homework. I have been pleased to see the commitment the children have shown in doing their homework each week, I will continue to set Maths or English/Topic homework each week.

The whole school is taking a new approach to spellings, which has been explained in a separate letter from Mrs Westhead, that means the children will not be bringing spellings home to practice as often. However, 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 and, in particular, their spelling and writing skills. Thank you so much for your support in this area.

### **PE kit**

PE will continue to be on a Monday afternoon so please ensure your child comes into school each Monday in their PE kit. It would be helpful if the children could bring a different pair of shoes to wear indoors on PE days as the field can get very muddy and this would help prevent mud being brought into school.





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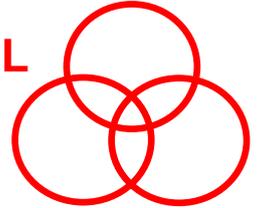
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As always, if you have any queries, or if you wish to talk to me, the easiest way is to send me an email via the class email address or send in a note with your child. Then if we need to discuss anything at length, we can arrange a TEAM's meeting.

With best wishes for a healthy and happy 2022,

Mrs Boodell.

