



Spring 1 2025 - Welcome back!



We hope you've all had a lovely Christmas break. This half term our topic focus will be based on Earth and Space.

The Staff in Year 5 are:

Kingfisher Class: Miss Potter (Wed-Fri) & Mrs Betts (Mon & Tues) Owl Class: Miss Dobb
Mrs Deller, Mrs Phillips and Mrs Gibbons are our Teaching Assistants in Year 5.

Our Topic in the Spring Term 1

We start this half term with the question, "Space: What is really out there?". Below are the areas we will be teaching.

For our D&T project, please can all children bring in a cardboard box, as sturdy as possible e.g. shoe box. Please can this be brought in no later than 24th January. Thank you.

Science	Earth and space
Design and technology	Mechanisms- Cams
Computing	Coding
PE	Dance and outdoor adventure activities
English	Grammar, Information texts and Creative Writing
Maths	Multiplication and Division/ Fractions
PSHE	Keeping safe
French	La date
Music	Rhythm builders
RE	The Old Testament

PE will be on a Tuesday (indoor) and a Thursday (outdoor)

Please ensure that your child comes to school dressed in their PE kit on their day. They should have the appropriate PE kit in accordance with the school PE kit policy. Please note that jewellery is not permitted in PE lessons for safety reasons. If your child cannot take their earrings out, please make sure they have been removed before school. Children with long hair should wear their hair up during PE lessons so please ensure they have a bobble.

Reading – Our class text will be: 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe'.

Reading is such an important skill, and it is pleasing to see so many children with a love of reading. Whilst we do not often listen to individual readers, we do spend time discussing texts within taught reading sessions. We do expect children to continue to read at home, ideally at least 3 times a week, from as wide a range of reading materials as possible. We would appreciate it if you could spend a few minutes either listening to or discussing with your child what they have read. We will continue to check each child's reading diary at the end of each

week to ensure that the children are reading at least 3 times. We are aiming for 1000 reads before the children are treated to a special Arnold library visit.

Spellings

Children will continue to receive a set of spellings each week. It is important that children bring their organisers to school each day so that they have their spelling lists with them during practice time. Each Friday there will be a test of the week's spellings and every half term we will test children on about 20 words which all follow the spelling rules we have learnt over the half term.

How can I support my child with their homework?

1. Listen to them read or talk about their book 3 times a week. When this is evidenced in their organiser, it counts towards a class treat.
2. Use the Doodle Maths program twice a week for at least 15 minutes on each visit to the site. Each child has their own log-in where they access personalised work.
3. Help them with the learning of their weekly spellings. Spellings are given out and tested on a Friday.

Other dates

6th January- Wellbeing Day

3rd-7th February- Children's mental health week.

14th February- INSET day

Cost of Visits and Visitors

- On Wednesday 26th February, we visit the Galleries of Justice to bring our Crime & Punishment topic to an end. We expect this visit to cost approximately £13. Information to follow.

If you have any questions about the curriculum or if you require any support, please let us know on class dojo.

For urgent matters please phone school or use admin@rbps.org.uk as we may not check the class emails every day.

Many thanks and best wishes,

The Year 5 Team