



Year 5 Newsletter Term 4

Welcome Back!

We hope you had a restful half term break and we hope you are ready for lots of fun-filled learning experiences this term. We are looking forward to another exciting term. We will be reading *Cosmic* this term and lots of our learning will link to this book.

In writing, we will be re-writing the start of the *Cosmic* story. We will be learning some new Year 5 grammar features including defining and non-defining relative clauses. We will also build on our prior learning by developing settings and atmosphere in detail as well as developing characterisation by drawing on our reading. In maths, we will be building on our Year 4 knowledge of fractions. We will be comparing and ordering fractions; identifying, naming and writing equivalent fractions and we will establish percentage equivalents of fractions.

In geography, we will use maps and atlases to locate countries and continents. Further to this, we will identify the position and significance of latitude, longitude the Prime/Greenwich Meridian as well as time zones (including day and night).

Our science topic this term is Space. We will describe the movement of the Earth, the moon and other planets in relation to other parts of the solar system. We will also use the idea of the Earth's rotation to explain day and night and the apparent movement of the sun across the sky. Our art will also be linked to science and we will be looking at the work of Vincent Van Gogh in his *Starry Night* painting. We will also look at *Concentric Circles* and the work of Wassily Kandinsky. We will use a range of mediums in our art work including chalk, pastels and paint.

In computing, we will be using block coding to programme micro:bits. Our online safety topic is health, well-being and lifestyle. We will look at ways technology can affect healthy sleep and some of the issues it can cause. We will also explore strategies to promote healthy sleep with regards to technology.

Meet the team

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Miss Mercier

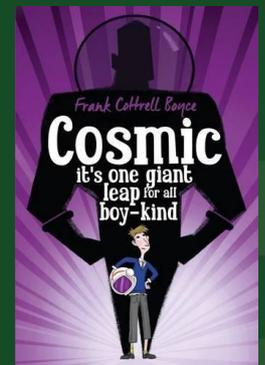
Mr Hire

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Miss Matthews

Miss Hutchinson

Our Reading Book



Reading

Our reading text this term is *Cosmic*. Children are welcome to bring in a copy of the book so that they can read along during class reading time. Second hand copies are widely available online.

We would also like to remind pupils that home reading must be recorded 5 times per week in reading records. Children can record their own reading and get a parents signature for the week. Reading records must be handed in every Tuesday.

Reminders.

Swimming is every Monday this term (children can bring an extra snack for afterwards), clarinets need to be in school every Wednesday and homework is due in on Tuesdays.