



Dear Children, Parents and Carers,
Welcome back to a new year!

Our topic this term will be based on 'The Jamie Drake Equation' (fired by Christopher Edge who has visited our school). We will use the text to create stories from different viewpoints, newspapers, biographies, letters and much more. In Science, we will be looking at Earth and Space as well as some areas of History (the space race and moon landings) as well as Art, ICT and RE.

Homework

Your child will be given a new Home Learning brochure on the first day back with tasks linked to our topic, for the entire term in advance.

Your children will have a weekly Maths task and a English or creative task to complete. Where possible, Maths tasks will be graded with the star challenge, and children will choose which tasks they would like to take home to complete. There will be a weekly spelling challenge based on the spelling patterns and the words they expected to learn for their year. Spellings will be given out weekly for your children to practise at home.

In addition to weekly homework, we expect all children to:

- read daily (with an adult or independently)
- practise times tables, with division facts in a mixed order, up to 12 x 12

AK Star Badges

Every child in the school has been allocated a special star badge to recognise good learning behaviours. Your child is working towards earning their badge, so please support them in this challenge.

To be awarded their badge by Mrs Saville, they need to demonstrate the following:

- regular use of Mathematics;
- regular home reading;
- listening well;
- not talking over others;
- challenging themselves;
- perseverance;
- making good learning choices;
- independent learning;
- trying their best with spellings;
- being ready to learn.

General Reminders...

- Year 6 will have PE with Mr Tanner on Friday afternoon. Year 5 will have PE on Thursday afternoon which will be taught by Mr Tanner. It is essential that children have a full, labelled PE kit in school, including a water bottle. If appropriate, your child may have a roll-on antiperspirant deodorant in their PE bag too (no aerosols please).
- Both classes have two Forest School sessions timetabled Summer 1: Year 5 will be on Wednesday 18th April and Tuesday 15th May. Year 6 will have Tuesday 8th May and forest school activities whilst in London. Please send your child to school with appropriate outdoor clothing for these lessons.
- Please make sure your child has a water bottle in school every day.

Miss Thomas

Miss Perring

Subject	Year 5	Year 6
Themes	The Jamie Drake equation – space	The Jamie Drake equation – space
Christian Value	Friendship Truthfulness	Friendship Truthfulness
English	Poetry focus Information texts Biographies Newspaper reports Non-chronological reports	Grammar focus Biographies Newspaper reports Non-chronological reports
Maths	Decimals and percentages Position and direction Measures	Geometry Statistics SATs prep – key skills
Science	Materials Space	Materials Space
Computing	Coding and scratch- game making Excel and data handling	Coding and scratch- game making Computer networks
History	The space race	The space race
Geography	N/A	N/A
R.E.	Understanding Christianity –Salvation The Trinity	Understanding Christianity – Salvation Islam – Akhirah
Art & Design	Revelation natural art – computing link Prop making	Revelation natural art – computing link Prop making
Design Technology	See above Robokids	See above
P.E.	Mr Tanner	Mr Tanner
Music	Mrs Crowley – Music notation	Mrs Crowley – Music notation
P.H.S.C.E.	Moving on!	SRE Moving on!
French	Y5 La Fete Nationale	Entertainment
Wow Events	WAW Forest of Dean	WAW London
Community Links	iSing pop	iSing pop
SMSC development	See above – Wow events and community links	See above – Wow events and community links
Other Dates	18 th April – Forest School 5 th May – Forest School	8 th May – Forest School 14 th – 17 th May – SATs