

# Year 5 Spring Newsletter

January 2024



Happy New Year! We hope you all had a restful break and look forward to welcoming your child back for a new term.

**Year Leader:** Miss Weld

**5W:** Miss Weld, Mrs Wood, Mrs Clyma and Miss Ellis

**5MW:** Mrs Morgan, Mrs Wood and Miss Hiscutt

**5R:** Mrs Roberts and Mrs Sharpe

## English – Writing

In English, our units will largely be related to our Science theme of Space; we will look at the features of biographies, discussions, narrative writing and poetry. Our class reader links with our History unit on the Victorians: Oliver Twist.



## Maths



In **Maths**, we will begin by continuing on work on fractions that we started last term. Following this, we will be using multiplication and division in calculations; we will be introducing quicker, formal methods. Further to this, we will be exploring the short method for division including 'bus stop'. Later, we will move onto covering decimals and percentages. These methods will rely on children's quick recall of timetables facts. Any further practice or support you can give your children with their times tables at home would be appreciated.

## Home Learning

Your child will continue to receive home learning each week. These tasks should take approximately 30 minutes each and will be given out on a Friday, to be handed in on the following Wednesday. Your child will be given spellings each week, which they will practise every day in school and they should practice these at home too. Homework club remains available every Tuesday lunchtime for those that want to attend.

In addition to this, children should still be reading regularly - please remember you can login to your 'Sora' accounts with the Library Service, where they can easily discover a wide range of books. The children also need to continue to practise their multiplication tables, 'Times Table Rockstars' is a great way to do this.

## P.E. DAYS

When it is your child's P.E. day, please send them into school in an appropriate kit. Earrings should be removed or taped at home and long hair must be tied back.

**5W – Mondays and Tuesdays**

**5M/W- Tuesdays and Fridays**

**5R – Tuesdays and Wednesdays**



# Foundation Curriculum

## **Science**

We will be studying Earth and Space culminating in the exciting Space Science Fair. Our other topic for the term focuses on light.

## **History**

We are exploring The Victorians and British inventions.

## **Art & DT**

IN art, we will be exploring how different colour blends can allow us to create other-worldly landscapes and abstract space creatures. We will be building bridges inspired by the great British industrialist, Isambard Kingdom Brunel for our DT project.

## **Music**

Children will be learning to play the guitar with Mr McBeath from Hampshire Music Service.

## **RE**

We will explore the concept of ritual, before exploring the concept of 'Sacrifice' in Christianity.

## **PSHCE**

We will learn how we can help in an accident and emergency, understanding basic First Aid. We will then look at what makes a person's identity.

## **Computing**

This term we are covering the units, 'We are Engineers' and 'We are Artists.'

## **MFL**

We will be learning about the order of the planets and how to describe them.



E-safety continues to be a priority at Harrison and when the children are at home. This includes using: You Tube, Instagram, Facebook, Twitter and email. The minimum age to open an account on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest, Tumblr, Kik and Snapchat is 13. You Tube requires account holders to be 18, but a 13-year-old can sign up with a parent's permission. Despite these clearly stated and published age restrictions, large and growing numbers of children 12 and under are using social media networks often with their parent's knowledge and consent. E-safety is therefore of paramount importance.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries or questions about your child's learning this term.

## Important Dates

**\*Open Classrooms on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January and Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January.**

**\*5R Class Assembly – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January**

**\*5W Class Assembly – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January**

**\*5M/W Class Assembly – Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January**

**\*A Midsummer Night's Dream Production – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January**

**\*Planetarium Visit at school – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February**