



Dear Parents/Carers

### **Year 5 Spring Term - Curriculum Information**

Welcome back and Happy New Year! I hope you have all had a lovely Christmas. We had an amazing first term in Year 5, exploring our topic, 'Gruesome Greeks'; it was lovely to be able to visit Leeds City Museum where the children were able to broaden their knowledge of the Ancient Greeks. This term we will begin our exciting journey in to Space and beyond!

#### **Literacy**

In Literacy, we will be reading a selection of new books including 'The Thief' by Malorie Blackman. We have planned many activities to get to know the text; our writing focus will be newspaper reports, diary entries and branching stories. Our writing targets this term include: grammar, using a variety of sentence types and planning. In reading, our focus will be on skimming and scanning the text and identifying the authorial intent based on the clues given; please continue to hear your child regularly at home and also, to discuss their texts, as this is of huge benefit to them.

#### **Spellings**

We will continue with spelling tests on Monday. As I'm sure you'll know, the key to spelling is not just learning them weekly and exploring the rule, but also to apply these in our writing, which is why it continues to be one of our targets this term.

#### **Numeracy**

In Numeracy, we will continue to work through each topic using the five phase approach, allowing the children to reason and investigate helping to deepen their learning. This half term, we will be focussing more on explaining our thoughts and identifying an approach to the investigation. Our target is to learn our times tables up to 12x12 by the end of the year, so we will be learning a table a fortnight and practising these in class. One of the games we play regularly can be found here <http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button> - the children love this game!

## **Zumba Maths**

The children will continue to bring home Zumba targets, which will be tested on Fridays. Please can you continue to help your child practise these against the clock as the children need to know them off by heart.

## **Topic/Science**

'Blast Off!' will take us on a journey around Earth, to the Sun, Moon and beyond. We will compare the planets, learn why shadows are formed and why they change, investigate what causes day and night and the seasons, discover how eclipses are created, find out what the moon is made out of, locate common constellations, learn how to be an astronaut and venture into the world of UFOs!

## **Class Visits/Visitors**

Our next class trip of the year will be to the Star Centre in Keighley. A letter will be sent home about this visit shortly. A Fire Safety Talk delivered by the Fire Brigade has also been booked for Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February.

## **Swimming**

Year 5 are due to begin their swimming lessons at Bingley Swimming Baths after the February half term. Once details have been finalised, we will send a letter home explaining how this works.

## **Art**

Please could you make sure that your child has an old shirt/t-shirt/apron in school for our Thursday Art lesson.

## **Website**

Our class page will continue to be regularly updated so please check out our past and current learning as well as homework and spellings.

If you have any questions or queries about your child's work or wish to chat about any aspect of Year 5, please do not hesitate to catch me in the playground, pop in and see me, message me using the class email: [year5@harden.bradford.sch.uk](mailto:year5@harden.bradford.sch.uk) or make an appointment via the office. I wish to thank you in advance for your continued support.

Thank you

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