

Year 5 and 6 Curriculum Newsletter

Spring 1st Term 2017

Happy new year from Mrs Wootton, Miss Davies, Mr Hibbert and Mr Medlock. We hope that you have had a lovely Christmas break full of fun, food and festivities. We are very much looking forward to working with you again this year.

Our topic this term will be 'Mission to Mars'. During this, the children will learn about space missions and the make-up of our cosmos.

As part of this topic we will learn about the position of the planets within our solar system and the difficulties encountered in exploring them. We will specially learn about Mars and discuss the possibility of life on this planet.

Maths

This term there will be a focus on the methods that can be used to solve problems involving addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Year 6 will have a specific focus on SATS preparation.

Please encourage your children to use their Mathletics accounts at home.

Events

Epiphany	6 th January
Feast of St John Bosco	31 st January
E-Safety day	7 th February
Disco	9 th February
Break up for Half Term (Pick up at 3pm)	10 th February

Half term: 13th - 17th February

English

Short fantasy stories will be the first unit of study in English this term. We will look at what makes a story successful and concentrate on making our writing exciting and fast-paced.

We will then move on to non-chronological reports where we will use the internet and books to research space explorations. We will concentrate on formal language and features of a report.

St. John Bosco, Friend of the young, teacher in the ways of God, your dedication to empowering the needy inspires us still. Help me to work for a better world, where the young are given the chance to flourish, where the poor's dream for justice can come true, and where God's compassion is shown to be real. Intercede for me as I bring my needs to you and to Our heavenly Mother, the Help of Christians.

General Information

Learning Logs

Homework is a vital part of your child's learning and we really appreciate the support that you provide. It is important that children keep on top of their skills outside of the classroom. Please ensure your children continue to complete their homework in their learning logs and hand them in by the Friday of each week.

School Day

Our school day begins at 8:40, please ensure that your child is in on time. Punctuality allows us to maximise learning opportunities for all children.

If you would like your child to walk home independently at the end of the day then a signed letter of consent is required. Children who already have permission from last term may continue to walk home independently.

School Uniform Reminder

A gentle reminder about the correct school uniform:
Children should wear:

Girls: White blouse or polo shirt (tucked in)
Navy or grey skirt or trousers
Navy sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan

Boys: White shirt or polo shirt (tucked in)
Navy or grey trousers
Navy sweatshirt or jumper

Shoes: Children should wear black shoes.

Boots: If your child wears boots to school they must have their school shoes to change into for the rest of the day.

Children are not allowed to wear trainers (except for PE sessions) or hoodies in school.

Hair must be tied back and no earrings are permitted.

PE Reminder

Children need to have a PE kit in school every day. Each class will have designated PE slots throughout the week. PE kits should consist of: a plain white or blue T-shirt, blue or black shorts or tracksuit bottoms and a pair of outdoor trainers. Please label all items of clothing! T-shirts with motifs or football shirts are not allowed. If your child is unable to do PE then you will need to write to the teacher explaining why.