

Curriculum Newsletter

Learning in Year 5

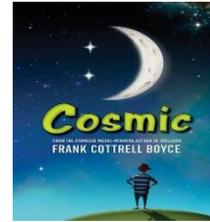


GREENLEYS
JUNIOR SCHOOL

LEARNING *for* LIFE

Spring 2020
Terms 3 and 4

English



This term, we will be focusing our English work on the science fiction book 'Cosmic' written by Frank Cottrell Boyce. The book looks at a young boy's journey to space. We will gather creative vocabulary and descriptive language linked to our Solar System. We are also learning how to write Haiku poems, these are short, creative Japanese poems. We will write our own Haiku poems based around space.

Geography

In term 4, we will be comparing urban and rural areas. We will be using a range of maps and fieldwork technique to explore our local area and make comparison about the land use and how it has changed over time.

Reading

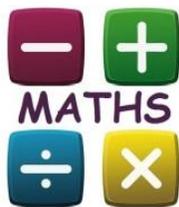
We are continuing with a special focus on reading by expecting the children to continue to work hard outside of school to collect Book Points. **The target is for your child to read three times a week at home, at least one of those with an adult. Reading records must be signed.** We will continue to discuss daily various literature within our Book Talk lessons, as well as learning how to answer different types of questions using our comprehension skills.

French

In term 3, the children will be learning about 'food' and looking at vocabulary for a range of food. They will also express likes and dislikes, counting and use plural nouns. They will be learning simple French grammar to construct sentences which describe or give an opinion. We will also celebrate this by having a French Theme Day, where we try some French food, dress up in French costumes and exchange conversation in French- using the skills we have learnt in class.

Maths

Over the next two terms, Year 5 will be working increasingly with fractions, measure and geometry (understanding shape) and looking at statistics. In addition, we will be recapping and refining the use of the formal written methods for number (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division).



Please ensure you support your child with their maths where you can. The children will need to work hard on their times tables and division facts, to ensure they are meeting the year group expectations (recall times table and division facts at speed up to 12 x 12). This term, we will spend one week on telling the time. As this will only be for one week, please could you also reinforce telling the time, including the 24 hour clock, at home to help your child become confident with this.

Science



In Science this term, we are excited to learn about our Solar System. We will link our topic with English and the book Cosmic. We are going to be learning about our planets, the different phases of the moon, and the sun. We are also excited to visit the National Space Centre and have a day of fun & learning, gathering as many facts as we can. We are particularly looking forward to visiting Sir Patrick Moore's planetarium and going to all the interactive galleries the centre has to offer.



Computing

We will be exploring the programming software, Scratch. The children will be learning to write code to create a game. We will also be regularly using our class laptops in different lessons for a variety of tasks and purposes.

Physical Education

The indoor PE this term is gymnastics; enabling the children to develop skills in performance where they can demonstrate clear, accurate and consistent movements – both on the floor and using apparatus. We will also start swimming this term, which is in the local area, the children will walk there and back. **We would be grateful if you could ensure that your child has the correct PE kit in school from Monday to Friday. They will need to have suitable PE kit for outdoor lessons.**



Art/DT

For our topic this term, Space Art, we will be making our own rockets in DT, using a range of materials to make it as creative as possible. We will paint them and learn about all the parts of a rocket and why scientists use them in space. In term 4, we will be doing marbling which will improve our mastery of art and design techniques, including drawing, painting and sculpture with a range of materials.

RE

During the next two terms for RE, we will learn about Jewish Worship & Community and The Stories of Christianity. We will look at how each religion worships, understand key vocabulary linked to their faith and learn about all their festive celebrations. The second topic, 'Stories of Christianity' will include a trip with Bridge Builders, where we learn about the Easter Story.



Helping Your Child At Home

If you have any questions or concerns, please make an end-of-the-day appointment with your child's class teacher; you can also use this opportunity to talk through ways in which you can support your child at home.