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Year 5 Autumn 1

Dear Parents,

Welcome to year 5! We can't wait to welcome the children back and get stuck into some great learning this half term. We hope that, with your support, we can all work together to help your child achieve their full potential. You can help by ensuring they are in school each day on time, that they are prepared and organised for the day ahead and that they have completed any home learning set. We are always happy to support you and your child over the year and are happy to discuss any worries or concerns.

Earth and Space



English

We are beginning the term with 'The Jamie Drake Equation'. While reading the story, the children will create their own planet and design a travel brochure for it. They will also write a non-chronological report about their planet using new and exciting space vocabulary. We will be finding out about life on the International Space Station and writing a fact file about how to survive in space. To finish off the half term we will be writing poems about the moon.

Maths

Our first unit will focus on place value and understanding of the number system up to 100,000. We will then be looking at addition, subtraction, multiplication and fractions. You can support your child at home with Maths by ensuring that they know and regularly practice their times tables using TT Rockstars. Every child will have access and their own login to this.



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Science

We will be learning about Earth and Space. The Knowledge Organiser for this unit of science is on our website for you to view. We will be working through the subjects on this organiser and have provided it for you so that you also have an understanding of the coverage. To support our learning, we will be going to Winchester Science Centre to experience the planetarium and find out about space through their interactive displays.

Geography

Our topic in Geography is 'What is it like living in The Alps?' and we will find out about this region, looking at the weather, physical features, tourism and population. There is also a knowledge organiser for this on the website.

Art

We will be using marbling to create our own planets and Peter Thorpe inspired space pictures.

RE

In religious studies our religion is Christianity and we will be learning about the 'Kingdom of God'. We will be exploring our understanding of kingdom through prayers and hymns and imagining what we would do if we were in charge of God's kingdom.

Computers

We will be looking at online safety and computer literacy which includes internet research. The children will find out about keeping safe and how some social media apps work. They will also be learning how to create a power point and use word. A knowledge organiser for this can be found on the website.

PDL and No Outsiders

PDL is the name for our PSHE and Jigsaw learning. We will continue to use our No Outsiders programme to promote inclusivity and accepting everyone in our community. This half term the children will be looking at 'Being me in My World'.

MFL (French)

In French we will be looking at space exploration. A knowledge organiser can be found on the website for more information.

Music

In year 5 we will be following the 'Fun Time Friday' music programme.



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PE

In year 5 our PE days change due to swimming, bikeability and dance. We will always give you plenty of notice as to when these will be however this term, the children will be doing outdoor games. Our PE days are going to be on a Tuesday and Wednesday each week. Children will need to come dressed for PE on these days. As the days get colder and wetter can we ask that children wear proper trainers (not plimsolls) and they wear blue or black tracksuits for when they are outside. They will need normal shorts and sports team t-shirts for when they are inside. Please remember that children should have their hair tied back and should not be wearing jewellery. Please provide earring tape if your child cannot take out their stud earrings.

Uniform

We do ask that all the children come to school looking smart in their uniform. Please be reminded that shoes (not trainers) should be plain black and without colour, including white. Please make sure everything is NAMED. Jewellery should not be worn to school (only stud earrings are allowed). As the weather gets colder and more unreliable, please can you make sure your child has a coat in school.

Water bottles

Please provide a named water bottle for your child to bring into the classroom daily. Remember we ask these are filled with water or sugar free squash. The bottles will be taken home after each day to be cleaned and refilled for the following day.

Reading at home

Reading is a vital part of every child's learning journey. We encourage all children to read at least three times a week at home. This could be a book, comic, magazine, or even reading aloud to a sibling! To celebrate their efforts, children who meet this goal will earn certificates and raffle tickets. We'll be checking reading records weekly, so please make sure they're signed and up to date. Children who haven't managed to read regularly may be invited to take part in catch-up reading sessions during school time to help them stay on track.

Communication

Each morning the class teacher will be on the playground, if you need to pass on any information, please do so then. However, due to staggered starting and finishing times throughout the school, we ask if you need to discuss anything with the teacher to make an appointment when convenient. We do understand that some parents work, and are not around at the start or end of the day, so please feel free to write a message for your child to hand to their teacher or call the office and if possible, the class teacher will give you a call. You can also email us at year5@st-johns-gosport.hants.sch.uk. This email is active and checked during the school day, 8.00am – 5.30pm.



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Homework

Alongside home reading, your child will be set new assignments on Ed Shed where the children will practise their spelling and SPaG work and they will be expected to practise their times tables on TT Rockstars. The children will be given their log-ins for this by Friday and they will stick in their reading records.

There will also be a homework project each half term that compliments the topic. Details of this are sent out at the beginning of each half term.

Trip

Autumn 1: Winchester Science Museum (£18.60)

Thank you for your support and we are looking forward to working with you all this year.
Mrs C Goulding and Mrs K James.

Home learning project Year 5 Earth and Space

To be handed in by 17th October 2025

We would like the children to do some research about our Solar System and create a fact page/poster to show what they have found. Below are some useful websites to help the children get started. We will be doing research about Earth and Space during ICT so if the children do not have access to a computer, they will still be able to take part in this.

Useful websites:

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/science/space/ten-facts-about-space/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zm9mxbk/articles/z7jvf82>

<https://spaceplace.nasa.gov/menu/solar-system/>

<https://kids.britannica.com/kids/article/solar-system/353789>



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