



Our Year 5 Classroom News

Spring Term Information

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Welcome

We wish you all a wonderful and restful Christmas break and look forward to welcoming you back for an exciting jam-packed Spring term.

Our new topic is called **A Galaxy Far, Far Away** and our fun-filled Launch Day will be on Friday 10th January. **Please note that children are not required to dress up and should come into school in uniform on this day.**

Miss Gough, Miss Potter, Ms. Stanley and the team

Our Topic

Over the course of the Spring term, we will be exploring these exciting learning questions:

- *How does the movement of the Earth affect us?*
- *Why do we have different time zones?*
- *What are the moon phases?*
- *What is the history of Space Travel?*
- *What could space sound like?*
- *How do the forces of gravity, air resistance and upthrust work?*
- *How can you use forces to save a Space Egg?*
- *How can we use pulleys, levers and gears to help us in everyday life?*

In English, we will be learning to write persuasively in the first half term and will be reading the book Stormbreaker. We will also be watching film clips about the imaginary planet of Pandora to help inspire us. In the second half term, we will then be writing to inform and will be focusing on Space.

In Maths, we will be learning about multiplication and division, fractions, decimals and percentages.

This term we will also be having 'Music Fridays' where for the first 20 minutes of the day we will be exploring the work of a range of different composers.

Things to Remember

PE and Swimming:

Year 5 PE days are on Tuesdays and Wednesday. They will need their Indoor PE kit/swimming kit on a Tuesday and their outdoor kit on a Wednesday.

The table below shows which term each class has their swimming lessons.

Year 5 Swimming Lessons	
Farringdon	Tuesday AM - Aut term
South Ken	Tuesday AM - Spr term
Wimbledon	Tuesday AM - Sum term

Homework:

- Each Friday the children will be set a **reading journal task**, which will be due in on Monday.
- The children are expected to **read for at least 20 minutes each day** and record this in their reading record (at the back of reading journals).
- Spellings are handed out every 2 weeks and are tested on alternate Wednesdays.
- The children will be set a **Space related project** during the half term (a letter will be sent out nearer the time).

Important Dates

06.01.20	Children back to school
10.01.20	Launch Day (school uniform)
12.02.20	Parents Evening
13.02.20	Parents Evening
05.03.20	World Book Day
25.03.20	Farringdon Steel Pans Performance
30.03.20	Greenwich Observatory Trip (Farringdon and Wimbledon)
31.03.20	Greenwich Observatory Trip (South Ken)