

### Year 5 Spring Term Reading

By the end of this term your child is expected to:

- read a wide range of books, including myths, legends and traditional stories, modern fiction, fiction from our literary heritage, and books from other cultures and traditions
- recommend books that they have read to their peers, giving reasons for their choices.
- identify how language, structure and presentation contribute to meaning.
- prepare poems and plays to read aloud and to perform, showing understanding through intonation, tone and volume so that the meaning is clear to an audience.

You can help your child by:

- Read with your child at home and question them about their book.
- Ensure that they read a range of different books from many cultures.
- Use a dictionary to check the meaning of words.
- Children can visit: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/reading/>
- Looks at reading fiction and non fiction texts including adverts, dictionaries and poetry. Learn how to look at language, layout and meaning.

### Year 5 Spring Term Writing

By the end of this term your child is expected to:

- use dictionaries to check the spelling and meaning of words.
- noting and developing ideas for writing.
- select appropriate grammar and vocabulary.
- use commas, hyphens and brackets throughout their writing.

You can help your child by:

- encourage children to look up the meaning of words in a dictionary.
- when reading with your child stop and ask them what will happen next. Discuss possible outcomes.
- <http://www.kwarp.com/portfolio/grammarnin.ja.html>

You can help your child by:

- Practise new curriculum spelling words every night.
- Read a selection of texts including science books, persuasive texts and poetry – discuss how the text

### Year 5 Spring Term Maths

By the end of this term, your child is expected to:

- apply knowledge of place value to calculate decimal multiplication e.g.  $6 \times 0.1 =$
- interpret timetables, explaining the duration of travel and comparing routes.
- Explain the conversion rate between e.g. kilometre and metre; metre and centimetre; centimetre and millimetre; kilogram and gram; litre and millilitre

You can help your child by:

- Buying them an analogue watch and teaching them to tell the time.
- Practise all times-tables frequently.
- Giving them opportunities to work out how much change you should receive when shopping.
- Practise approximating when shopping and then work out actual amount.

# Our World



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## Background Information on Topic

This term we are excited to launch our new topic, Our World. We will start our topic by exploring North America. We will learn about the history of America and the changes that occurred. As we move through the term, we will develop our historical knowledge to include Black history and Space Exploration.

## Launch Day

During our launch day we will introduce the children to our Space exploration and would like them to dress up using a space theme. We always like to see that children have made an extra effort to make their costume rather than spend unnecessary money.

## Visit

This term we will be having a planetarium visiting our school, where the children are immersed in a 360 degree interplanetary experience.

**Important  
DATE!**

## Key Dates for Spring Term

Thursday 3rd January 2019 - First day back

Monday 7th January 2019- Launch day

Date TBA - Planetarium in school

Friday 15th February- Break Up for Half Term

Monday 25th February- INSET Day

Tuesday 26th February 2019- Children return to school

Tuesday 19th March 2019 - Parent consultations

Thursday 21st March 2019 - Parent consultations

Friday 5th April 2019 — Break up for Easter

## PE

For this half term PE will be on a Monday and Thursday. Some children will still be swimming however this will be on a separate letter. All children are required to have correct PE kit in school for the whole week.



## Books to read:

Our term's topic will be America and Space.

In Science we are learning about the Solar System so any books about this topic would be useful. You might also like to visit the Science Museum in London where the children can view replica space models.

## Ideas for Launch Day

It always improves the day if all children come in dressed up for launch day. There is no need to spend a lot of money and making a costume together with your child can be great fun! There were many different Space ideas, here are a few:

