



# Stanburn Primary School

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Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter  
Spring 2024-First half



## Key events

- **Monday 8th January 2024**- Children return to school
- **Friday 9th February 2024**—VR Space Experience
- **Friday 2nd February 2024**– NSPCC National Number Day
- **Monday 5th February 2024** - PTA Cake Sale
- **Wednesday 7th February 2024** - Safer Internet Day
- **12th - 16th February 2024** - Half Term
- **Monday 19th February 2024** - School re-opens



## Introduction

To start our learning in the spring term, we have lots of exciting topics which the Year 5 team are looking forward to sharing with the children and which we hope the children will equally enjoy. Please read through our newsletter to see the learning opportunities planned for this half term!

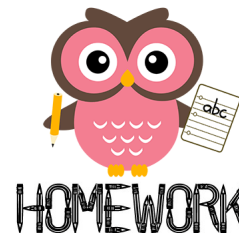
We have worked hard to increase our attendance and punctuality and all classes won the bears at some point during the first term—please keep up the good work of sending the children in as much as possible and on time!

*The school target for attendance is 97%.  
The current attendance for Year 5 is 93.5%*

# Year 5

## Home Learning

The children will continue to receive weekly home learning in core subjects: English (comprehension and SPAG), Maths (fluency and reasoning on MyMaths) and they will be given a set of spelling words to learn. The children should be undertaking at least 20 mins of reading, at least 5 times a week. Reading diaries should be completed at least three times a week.



## Science

The unit for this half term is Earth and Space. The children will learn about the movement of the Earth and other planets, in relation to the Sun in the solar system. They will also learn about the movement of the moon in relation to the Earth. The children will further explore the idea of the Earth's rotation to explain the occurrence of day and night and the apparent movement of the Sun across the sky.



## Geography

In geography, the children will be learning about all of the changes to the local area over time. They will be learning how to recognise the changes in maps over a period of time, recognise the impact of industrial factories on the local area, understand the importance of the metropolitan railway line to the local area and how land use has changed throughout the UK over time.



## PSHE (including RHE)

This half term's unit is Dreams and Goals. Pupils will have the opportunity to discuss their own personal dreams and goals for their future—they will talk about how different jobs contribute to society, what role/job they would like to have, and begin to think about how their education may contribute to them achieving this.



PSHE

## Art

The children will be creating a piece of art inspired by an abstract artist called Peter Thorpe. The children will learn to confidently use a variety of art and design techniques, including drawing and painting, to create a background exploring colour, shape and texture.



## How you can support your child at home

Encourage your child to discover more about our topics from completing research online. To further support their learning in our topics this half term, you may wish to visit the Science Museum to see the Space exhibition. You may also like to look at the moon every night and compare it with the phases of the moon chart found [here](#).



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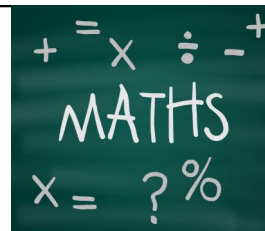
## English

The children's learning in English will continue to be cross-curricular and will link closely with our theme. The core text that the children will be studying is Cosmic by Frank Cottrell Boyce. The children will be reading the text and completing a range of activities based on the story. Throughout this unit, the children will learn about the different features of writing which will include informal letter writing and will apply them to their own work. The children will also continue to develop their reading skills and grammatical knowledge.



## Maths

The children will continue to develop their mathematical skills. They will focus on: multiplication, dividing and fractions. It is really important that children in Year 5 know all of the times tables up to 12x12 because this knowledge will help them in all areas of maths. Children will develop a range of fractions skills from ordering, comparing, equivalent, adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing.



## Computing

In this unit, the children will develop their understanding of databases. Children will learn how to search for information in a database, create a database around a chosen topic and contribute to a class database. They will also understand how to word questions so that they can be effectively answered using a search of their database.



## PE

In outdoor PE, the children will be developing their netball skills where they will learn different positions on the court in both attack and defence. During indoor PE, the children will participate in badminton.

This term, 5 Magenta and the next 10 children from 5 Amethyst will be going swimming on a Thursday afternoon. Please make sure they have the right equipment otherwise they won't be allowed to swim.

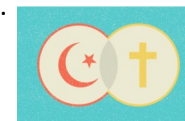
## WEEKLY SCHEDULES

**Homework set** –Friday  
**Homework due**—Wednesday  
**Spelling Test** — Wednesday  
**P.E**—Twice a week (Tuesday and Friday)



## RE

Year 5's topic for this half term is called 'When you listen, what do you hear?' The children will focus on the 'sounds' of Christianity and Islam, and what the relevance and meaning is in those faiths. The children will learn about call to prayer, the reason churches ring bells and about religious music.



## MFL

This half term, the children will review basic clothing vocabulary; discuss clothing using questions and statements; express opinions about clothing and discuss prices (number revision)



## Final Word

After the first term in Year 5, the children are aware of the expectations of the year group. They have been working hard and, as a result, are making good progress. The Year 5 team have been working hard to ensure the children reach their full potential and we would like to thank you for your support over the autumn term.

We look forward to this continued partnership to ensure the children reach their full potential.

Kind regards, the Year 5 Team.

## Music

This half term, pupils will make links to our science topic in their music lessons. Children will embark on a musical journey through the solar system and explore how our universe has inspired composers including: Debussy, Holst and George Crumb. Children will be given the opportunity to compose pieces linked to space.

