

# Year 5 Newsletter Term 2 Autumn 2019

**Welcome back! We hope you have had a fantastic half term break! We are really excited to begin our learning again in Year 5 and we have lots of exciting learning planned! This term, our topic is 'One small step for mankind' and our focus will be around space as well as using geographical skills.**



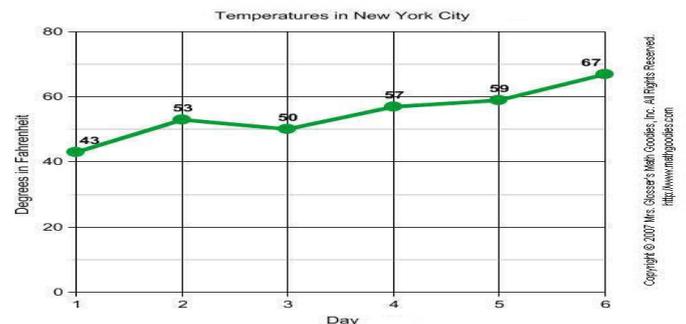
## English

During our English lessons this term, we will be focusing on many different types of genres. We will be reading the stories 'The Man Who Walked Between the Towers' and 'King Kong' by Anthony Browne. This will then lead to us writing our own newspaper reports and suspense writing amongst other things! Each week we will be delivering grammar and spelling lessons. Spellings will be given out on Fridays for children to learn at home. The second high frequency spelling lists will be given out with your children's half term homework pack. These should be kept at home and learnt on a weekly basis. Please encourage your children to learn the words so that they are able to include them in their writing.

## Maths

This term we will continue to focus on Place Value within 1,000,000. We will investigate negative numbers on a number line and through problem solving.

We will enhance our learning of adding and subtracting whole numbers. We will also use our multiplication skills to support our understanding of square and cubed numbers, multiples and factors. We will extend our understanding of line graphs and through doing so, we will make cross curricular links with our Science and Geography learning.



## Science

Science this term focuses on 'Earth and Space'. We will be investigating the solar system and our Earth's relationship with other spherical bodies in space. We will also be learning about the length of time required for a planet to complete a full orbit around the sun. We will be working scientifically to carry out a number of enquiries to develop our knowledge and understanding of how to carry out an experiment.

## Topic

Our topic this term has a geography focus. Throughout the term we will be developing our map skills; locating the major cities and regions within the UK, Looking at the physical geographical differences between New York and London. We will also be cooking during our DT learning, this term we have incorporated our Spanish learning along with our DT learning and will be preparing Spanish dishes!

## PE

The PE focus will be rugby and core exercises. Please ensure your child has the correct PE uniform (white t-shirt, black/blue shorts/jogging bottoms and trainers).

Indoor PE - Friday pm

Outdoor PE - Thursday pm

## A polite reminder

Thank you to all parents who have paid their £20 annual trips, visitors and workshops contribution.

For Term 2, experiences will include a day where the children will sample foods and see the sights associated with New York and London. This will link to our Geography topic. As DT is also a focus this term, we will be cooking savoury food linked to Tanzania. If you have not yet paid your £20 annual contribution, please can you do so as soon as possible to ensure these visitors/experiences can take place. Regretfully, if we do not receive enough contributions, then we will be unable to run some of the experiences we have planned.

## Home learning

Every Friday, children will be given maths and English work to be completed by the following Wednesday. Children will be rewarded with stickers when home learning is handed in on time!

Alongside the numeracy and literacy home learning, there will also be a project based around our topic, '**One small step for mankind**' that children can complete at home.

Children will be given a home reading book each week. Each child is required to attempt reading the entire book before returning it on their designated day. They will be expected to make a brief note about their reading of the book in the reading record. Children are also invited to choose books from our class library as and when they need changing.

Once again, thank you for your support!

Miss Rodgers, Ms Husain, Mr Monerville and the year 5 team.

