

# Term 5 and 6



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Welcome back to school and Term 5. We hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable Easter break. The topic in Term 5 is Space and Term 6 is Seaside.

We have lots of exciting learning opportunities coming up for your children. We begin Term 5 with the topic of Space which is a favourite amongst the children. The children will learn about the Solar System and the Moon Landing. In May, we have a visit from the mobile Astrodome, where the children will be able to go on a journey through the stars!

Term 6 is all about Seaside. The children will learn about Seaside holidays in the past, all about the coast and sea creatures. There will be a trip to Samphire Hoe where the children will have the opportunity to go rock-pooling and go on a mini-beast hunt.

## PE Days

This term we will have PE on Wednesday and Thursday. Please ensure your child has the appropriate kit (shorts and blue PE t-shirt) and it is **clearly named**. We will be making the most of the nicer weather and will be having outside PE, please ensure your child has plimsolls or trainers to wear.

## Playtimes and Outside Learning

Whatever the weather, we want your child to be prepared for learning opportunities and playing outside. Please ensure they have a suitable waterproof jacket in school daily. As the weather becomes hotter please ensure your child has a sun hat and brings in sun cream if needed. Please ensure your child brings their water bottle every day.

## Phonics

Daily Phonics will be taught for 20 mins to develop the children's speaking and listening, reading and writing skills. The children will learn to blend and segment real and nonsense words in preparation for the National Year 1 Screening. The children will learn alternative spellings for sounds already taught. A useful website for supporting your child with Phonics is [www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk).

## Reading

As you are aware, reading books will be changed on a Friday where 3 books will be given for the coming week. This means there is lots of opportunity for your child to re-read their reading books to develop fluency. It is really important you continue to listen to your child read regularly as well as talking about what they have read. Please ensure that your child has their reading book in school every day and please indicate whether your child has finished the book by signing. Your comments are very helpful in supporting your child fully. Don't forget Wednesday Reading Night for Buster Book Club!

## Maths

We will continue to build upon skills already learnt in number, place value, addition and subtraction. We will also re-visit money and learn about capacity and weight. Playing board games that involve maths or following recipes that involve weighing ingredients is a great way to make it fun. When solving a maths problem ask your child to explain their thinking to you. Try to involve your child in as many problem solving activities as possible. The more 'real' a problem is, the more motivated they will be when trying. For example, working out change when shopping.

**If you have anything you would like to discuss, we are on the playground in the morning and afternoon or alternatively make an appointment through the office.**

We look forward to working with you in the Summer term.

**Mrs Mugerwa, Mrs Amelia, Mrs Smith, Mrs Munday and Miss Smith.**