

USA/MEXICO Newsletter

Autumn 2019

Year 5 topic this half term is 'To Infinity and Beyond', where we will be studying the solar system, the sun and planets.

Our English and topic work is called '**significant learning**' which means that there will be lots of cross curriculum links, giving children opportunities to develop their learning further by using the skills they learn in all aspects of their development.

During daily reciprocal reading, children will be learning and consolidating skills including drawing inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions and justifying their answers with evidence. We will also be focusing on predicting what may happen in the text based on details already stated or implied. Children will continue with daily Spellings. We have also introduced a new scheme called 'DEAR' in which the children will need to 'drop everything and read'.

During our topic work, we will be analysing scientific evidence, adopting the style of Space artists and using measuring and planning skills to build Space buggies. During the first term, both classes will come together to re-create our Solar System using a range of techniques.

Maths:

We will be focusing place value this term. We will begin by looking at the value of numbers up to 1,000,000 and rounding and then move on to negative numbers and Roman Numerals. After October half term, we will be focussing on adding and subtracting - both mentally and though written methods.

PE: Swimming will be on Tuesdays and we also have another PE day on Thursdays. Please ensure children have their full PE kit which consists of plimsolls, shorts, trousers, T-shirt in school **every day**. Children with medium-long hair must be tied back. **Earrings need to be removed on this day otherwise they are unable to take part.**

HOMEWORK

We will continue to use the purple homework book where their sheets will be stuck in and completed on the next page. Homework will continue to be given out on a Wednesday and returned on a Monday. There will

be a homework club which is explained in the club letter.

REMINDER

Please ensure children always have their book bags/wallets in school with their reading book and reading diary inside. This way comments can be written in their diary which can help you to support your child at home. Children are expected to read a **minimum of three times a week** with an adult at home to maximise their development. Please always sign/comment when your child has read so we can monitor and reward when necessary. It is also important that children are practising their spellings and times tables at home, as they will be assessed on these regularly in school.

HOMEWORK HELP

A great site to use at any time is

<http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk>

<http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/index.htm>

www.ictgames.co.uk

www.splat.co.uk

www.topmarks.co.uk

At 8:30 am, children will be working on their Literacy/Maths learning and next steps, therefore we would ask that your child arrives at school promptly.

If you have any concerns or queries please do not hesitate to come and ask.

Mrs Lawrence and Miss Knowles