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Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter: Mr Provan

English

The children are excited to start their biographies based on the book Hidden Figures. As well as biographies, the children will be writing a newspaper about the John Glenn orbiting the Earth. The children will be researching biographies and refining grammatical elements such as embedded clauses and relative clauses before writing.

Mathematics

We will be continuing to learn more about multiplication and division this half term. To ensure the children have a rapid recall of the multiplication facts we will be practicing times tables daily. During the second half of the term, the children will learn more about fractions.

Science

Children will describe the movement of the Earth, and other planets relative to the sun in the solar system. They will describe the movement of the moon relative to the Earth. Children will describe the Sun, Earth and Moon as approximately spherical bodies and use the idea of the Earth's rotation to explain day and night and the apparent movement of the sun across the sky.



Music

We will be looking at the Bon Jovi song 'Livin' on a Prayer' comparing it to other songs we have learned. We will be learning musical terms to describe the music we appraise and perform.

We will be learning songs for our Christmas Performance.



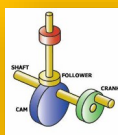
Spanish

This unit will teach the children months of the year and the key dates in the Spanish calendar. It is a great unit for enabling to be able to say the date in Spanish and includes role play activities asking and answering the question 'when is your birthday?'.



Design and Technology

Children will build a moving toy using a CAM mechanism. They will use various sources of information and draw on them in design. Children will refine the quality of the finished product, including making annotations on the design.



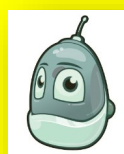
PE

In Gymnastics, children will be developing a sequence where they will work as a team to create their own sequence of movements which will include a role, a jump, elements of travel and a balance. Children will further develop their sequence's using apparatus.



Computing

Children will continue to investigate coding software. Using the knowledge gained, children will use an alternative program to sequence, use conditionals and use a variety of inputs and outputs. Children will use Kodu to build a simple world and program so that it can be controlled with keys.



Useful Information

What can you do to help your child?

Please could you encourage your child to use TTRS to ensure they have a rapid recall of the multiplication facts.

Please read with your child at least 3 times during the week. Thank you for your support with this.

Reading books and diaries will need to be in school every day.

Online Resources

TTRock Stars

EdShed

Doodlemaths

PE Days

We have PE on a Monday and Thursday. Please ensure PE kits are in school. For safety reasons long hair will need to be tied back and earrings also need to be removed.

Swimming

Parents will have been informed this week by email if your child is doing swimming lessons this half term. These will take place on Monday afternoon and children will need to bring a towel and appropriate swimwear.