

## Literacy

In Literacy, we will start by focusing on narrative aspects, specifically story openings. Throughout the term, we will be focusing on Apollo 13 as our inspiration and thinking about the different genres of stories. Throughout our writing we will be focusing on; figurative language, expanded noun phrases, recap synonyms and up-levelling vocabulary and inverted commas for speech.

## Maths

To start this year off, this term we will look at place value, considering numbers up to a million, reading Roman Numerals, rounding and negative numbers. Building on the place value, we will look at the key skills of addition and subtraction, mentally and through formal written methods. We will take this into greater depth to clearly understand how our number system works. We are also going to be looking at statistics and how we can interpret different forms of data.

## Art

We are going to become engineers for the UK Space Agency by making our own rockets which we can test and evaluate. We are also going to design our own aliens and the solar system.

# Stargazers

## PE

This term we will be focusing on Basketball indoors. We will learn key skills (dribbling, shooting, passing) and the rules of the game. Throughout we will focus on sportsmanship.

## History

We will be investigating the moon landing and looking at newspaper articles published about the man on the moon. We are also going to research Sir Isaac Newton and his theories of gravity.

## Science

We will be looking at the Earth and Space as part of our topic, learning about the planets and the Solar System. This will influence our learning towards forces such as gravity and their effects. In addition, we will be completing the following Cornerstones units; How does the moon move? Why do planets have craters?

## PSHE

In PSHE, we will be considering the philosophical question: Do you think that there is life on other planets? We are going to consider the possibilities and discuss why Earth is so adaptable to life.

## Geography

We will be investigating different terrains and how this impacts upon the features of the land. This will aid our understanding of how craters are formed and the effects that these have on other planets.

# Y5 Autumn Term 1 Newsletter

## Important dates for your diary:

- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017 - Start of term
- To be arranged - Visit to The Space Centre Leicester
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2017 - Parents' Evening
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2017 - End of Term

## Spellings

Spelling rules are taught within daily lessons. Children will be sent home with a list of words on a Monday. They will then be tested on the following Friday. Please encourage your child to practice their spellings each week!



## PE

Class 11's and Class 12's PE will be on a **Friday morning**.

Appropriate kits are expected to be in school on these days as both are important and enjoyable parts of the curriculum. **REMINDER:** Children's P.E. kits should consist of blue or black shorts, a white t-shirt and trainers or pumps. Tracksuit bottoms are optional during colder weather.