



Dear Parents and Carers,

The Summer Term has arrived, and with it, the beginning of our new topic 'Stargazers'. Over the course of the next few weeks, we'll be investigating our Solar System, including the planets which make it up, our movement around the sun, and the reasons why the moon appears to change shape. Please see the attached resources for some useful information on our topic, as well as a Home Learning booklet, which you may like to complete at home to support the learning we will be doing in school. The activities are optional, but will certainly help to consolidate ideas we have learnt about.

In RE, we will be considering the key questions, "What kind of king do Christians believe Jesus to be?" and "How does faith help people when life gets hard." In PSHE, we will be focusing on treating people with respect, including issues such as bullying, equality and discrimination. We will also be teaching the Y5/6 content of the Relationships and Sex Education curriculum.

In English, we will begin with some letter writing, followed by a focus on story writing, and then looking at play scripts and poetry. Throughout the term, we will be revisiting and refining grammatical skills and vocabulary covered in the Year 5/6 Curriculum. We will be continuing to use the Decision Spelling programme, and will be sending weekly spelling tasks to complete at home. Our Class novel this half term is "Alex Rider: Stormbreaker," by Anthony Horowitz, the first in a series of action-packed novels about a young spy. We will use this text to support our learning in Whole Class reading sessions, as well as sampling extracts from a wide variety of texts throughout each week. Children have Reading Record books. It is expected that they will record what they have read at least five times each week in these books. In the front cover, there are a number of suggested activities to do which could form part of this record.

In maths, our learning begins with position and direction, using co-ordinates, translation and lines of symmetry. We will then move on focusing on angles and properties of shape. Towards the end of the term, we will have the opportunity to revisit and consolidate areas of maths from the Year 5 and 6 Curriculum. We will also be practising and developing confidence and fluency in our arithmetic skills. Children will have an arithmetic sheet to complete as homework each week.

We are also very excited to have formed a partnership link with Sanjivani International School, in Mumbai, India. This term, we will be developing this link through video calls with staff at the school, through making 'penpal' links between the children in each school, and through creating a project to share based around life in Witheridge.

All in all, we have a fun-filled, jam-packed term to look forward to!

Mrs Nott.