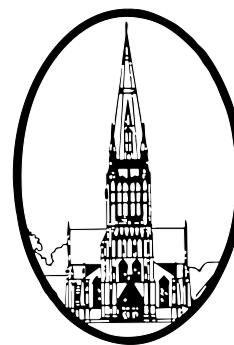


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*'Through God's love, we strive to be  
the best we can be.'*

Thursday 5th September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you had an enjoyable summer holiday; it's lovely to see the children refreshed and raring to go! My name is Miss Perdicou and I shall be teaching year 5 this year. I will be working alongside Miss Peters and Mr Garcia. We are all looking forward to the year ahead.

Your child's topic this half term will be  
**Earth and Space and Forces**  
*Focus: Science*

Year 5 will be starting their new topic this week. During this unit we will be learning to describe the movement of the Earth, and other planets, relative to the Sun in the solar system. We will also be identifying the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction that act between moving surfaces.

In addition, here is an overview of the topics that will be covered in the other curriculum areas.

Literacy	<p>The first book we will be reading is 'Cosmic' by Frank Cottrell Boyce.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• This term the children will be learning how to:</li><li>• Predict and infer</li><li>• Write from a character's perspective</li><li>• Write a fact file</li><li>• Write a diary entry</li><li>• Write a biography</li></ul> <p>Spelling, grammar and punctuation will continue to be taught throughout the term.</p>
Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rounding numbers</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Addition &amp; Subtraction</li> <li>• Multiplication and Division</li> <li>• Solving multi-step word problems</li> <li>• Measurement – time</li> </ul>
PE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gymnastics/Dance and Team games</li> </ul>
PHSCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New beginnings</li> </ul>
RE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What do the miracles of Jesus teach?</li> </ul>
Spanish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daily routines</li> <li>• Sounds</li> <li>• Favourite things</li> <li>• Achievements</li> </ul>

### PE

Your child's PE days are **Monday** and **Friday**.

Please make sure your child has their PE kit on **both** of these days.

### Homework

Homework will be sent out every **Friday** and returned the following **Thursday**.

### Reading

We expect that your child reads on a daily basis for 10 – 20 minutes and that you sign your child's reading log to say that they have done this. Please also discuss the book's plot and characters as well as the meaning of new words. This will help to develop comprehension skills. Please remember to reread the whole sentence once a tricky word has been solved. This helps to develop fluency. The Reading Record needs to come in every **Friday** with the whole week signed for.

### Times Tables

By the end of Year 5, children are expected to know **all** their times tables off by heart, as well as related division facts.

For example:

$$2 \times 5 = 10 \quad 5 \times 2 = 10 \quad 10 \text{ divided by } 2 = 5 \quad 10 \text{ divided by } 5 = 2$$

Please ensure your child practises the times tables on a daily basis as part of their homework routine. They will initially have a set times-table to learn a week.

### Drinking water

We encourage children to drink water throughout the day. Please ensure your child brings in a **named** water bottle in school.

Finally, I would just like to remind you that the school gates open at 8.50am each morning and that your child should be settled in class by 9am when learning starts. Please remember that the school day ends at 3.30pm and that children must be collected on time. Children will be returned to parents individually by me each day except on **Wednesday** when they will be dismissed by Mrs McKelvey. It is important that staff are able to prepare lessons and attend staff meetings directly after school; therefore parents of children that are collected late will be fined £10.

I look forward to working with you all during what I'm sure will be a successful school term. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to come and talk to me in the playground after school or make an appointment with me at the school office.

Yours Sincerely,  
Miss Perdicou