

# KIRTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

## TERM 6 NEWSLETTER 2019



### YEAR 5

June 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

The year has seemed to have flown by and we find ourselves in Term 6! Another huge welcome back to all the children! Term 6 has plenty of things to keep the children focused, having fun and learning. It's going to be great.

#### Our Topic

Term 6: Space

The history of space exploration, moon phases, the Solar System and many other space related subjects will be covered in our topic lessons. All of the learning undertaken will be used by the children in their writing lessons. During the term we have a 'Space Scientist' visiting! He brings his 'Space Dome' where children can learn lots about the stars, planets and space that surrounds our planet Earth. It is always a fabulous day and one that creates awesome memories. Could you help make a mobile of the Solar System using everyday items from packaging? Your child will need to think about the relative sizes of the planets and the order they are in.

As well as the Space Dome, Year 5 will also get to experience the feeling of exploring the Solar System whilst using virtual reality. We have booked a company to visit Kirton Primary and all the children in Year 5 will get to use ultra-modern VR headsets to help them learn about our Solar System. This a brand new venture for Year 5 and one that the teachers are almost as excited about as the children!

#### Maths and English

In Maths lessons, children will be learning how to read data from graphs, translate shapes into quadrants and identify symmetry as well as reinforcing their use of formal methods of calculations used in context.

It would really support your child if they were confident with their times tables. This would help them in all areas of maths. This term your child needs to learn up to the 12 times table and the associated division facts. We are also encouraging children to learn percentage, decimal and fractions facts so they can recall them rapidly when needed.

In English, we will be learning how to use semi colons, a wider range of vocabulary and refreshing our

knowledge on speech punctuation. This knowledge will then be used to write reports, persuasive arguments and balanced arguments.

Please continue to support your child by encouraging them to read more and question them on the books they are reading. You could also ask them to show you various features that they have been learning about in their Grammar and Punctuation lessons that they have found in their reading books.

The spellings that your child will be learning this term can be accessed through our school website; it would be really useful if you could help your child to learn these spellings.

We will send home the Learning Journey spellings to aid your child earning a Kirt for being able to spell all of the words on the list. Their hard work in this area will help them qualify for the termly Spelling Bee Championship (where they could win 100 Kirts!) which occurs this term. There is still time to qualify!

#### PE

Our PE days remain on a Monday and Thursday. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate PE kit in school every day. For outdoor games, the children need plain black/navy tracksuit bottoms, a plain white t-shirt, a plain sweatshirt and trainers. For indoor PE, the children need plain black/navy shorts, a plain white t-shirt and plimsolls. Every item needs to be clearly labelled and in a bag that will remain in school every day. Kits will be taken home to be washed at the end of each term. No items should be taken home during the term. Children who attend sporting clubs should bring extra kit so their PE kit can stay in school.

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#### Homework

Homework is set on a Friday and will continue to support your child's education. It will include weekly Maths and English activities as well as reading, some spelling investigations and multiplication facts. If there are ever any problems about the homework please come and see us as soon as possible (parents or children).

If you would like to help your child create some art to do with the Solar System that would be fabulous too. We were thinking of sketches, paintings or even a 3D mobile. Any artwork brought into school will receive

house points and could even be used on display throughout Year 5.

#### Important Dates

- 26.06.19 – Non-uniform day
- 28.06.19 – PTA Summer Gala 3.30 – 5 pm
- 04.07.19 – Y5 / Y6 Sports Day
- 17.07.19 – Reports sent home
- 19.07.19 – Y4/5 The third payment of £50 for those going to PGL must be made
- 23.07.19 - End of term 6
- 02.09.19 – Term 1 begins

#### HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING THIS TERM:

Key things that parents can do to support their child this term related to things they will be learning about:

- If you are out and about in the evening when the stars or moon are visible, question your child on the facts they know. Do they have un-answered questions that you could research together and then they could bring in to school for show and tell?

Yours sincerely

Mr Greaves   Mrs Links   Miss Wilkinson

Year 5 Class Teachers