



# BISHOP CORNISH CHURCH OF ENGLAND V.A. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

Welcome back to a new school year and also into Year 5. I hope you've all had a really great summer and enjoyed the break. Below is some information that you may find helpful as to how things run in Year 5.

## **Topic – 'Journey to the Stars'**

In this topic we'll be learning about the Earth, Sun and Moon in science, as well as a little history on the race to the moon and the moon landing. ICT and music will also have cross-curricular links with this topic. We'll then move on to the Geography aspect of the topic, which is North America (now journeying to the Stars and Stripes).

## **P.E.**

In P.E. this half term we will be doing tennis and football. Our P.E. days are usually on Monday and Wednesdays. However, there are times when we need to change our P.E. sessions to another day so please ensure all kits are kept in school. The children may get a little wet, so a full change of P.E. clothes are a must for this lesson. A full PE kit, including plimsolls or trainers is needed (the children cannot do P.E. in school shoes). If any kits are taken home to be washed at the end of the week, please can they be back in school on the Monday. Many thanks for your help with this. Hopefully we will be able to get outside as much as possible this term.

## **Homework**

In Year 5, it is an expectation, as set out in our homework policy, that the children should have two tasks taking approximately 25 minutes each (or 50 minutes in total) to complete per week. In addition to this, the children are expected to spend a total of 20 minutes per night reading books and shorter tasks such as spellings or times tables. If the homework is taking far longer than this, please do speak to me. There is a homework sheet in the homework books which explains this in more detail.

The children will all have a homework book in which to complete some of the tasks. Mathematics tasks will be set online. If you need access to the Internet, then please have a word with me and we can sort this out. Spelling, tables and maths tasks for the week will be set on a Friday and handed in on the following Thursday (topic homework is given out at the start of the term). This will give children the time to complete tasks within their weekly routines at home, rather than having different tasks given on different nights. Homework tasks will be marked together during class time so the children will have the opportunity for their work to be discussed and reinforced. This method of marking books and sharing work together is really beneficial and it also gives children the chance to celebrate their work that they have completed at home.

### **Reading**

Reading will continue as the children were used to in Year 4, using the Accelerated Reader scheme. The children all have a number (called a ZPD) and they need to choose books that fit their ZPD level. When a book has been read, the children then complete an online quiz about the book in school the next day. The website: [www.arbookfind.co.uk](http://www.arbookfind.co.uk) is great for checking or finding books at the correct level. I'm more than happy for children to read their own books from home or even books they get out of the town library if these fit their level.

The chosen reading book does need to be brought to school daily as these are used within school. They also need to go home each evening as they also need to be read at home – this is part of homework. Aim to log 5 reads in a week (not every night – we all need a little break sometime). If you 'bank' 2 or 3 reads over the weekend, then you will only have the remaining sessions to 'bank' in the week.

I'm really looking forward to working with Year 5 over the next academic year. At the beginning of October, we are holding parents' evenings which will give us an opportunity to discuss how the children have settled in. If at any time you would like to meet with me, please feel free to arrange a convenient time that we can both manage.

Kind regards

Mrs Jones