

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our topic 'Stargazers' will take us beyond life on Planet Earth, to investigate what we know about space, and how far humans have been able to explore our universe. There is further information about the topic in the documents attached and this is also available on Google Classroom.

In maths, our Year 6 children will be working on themed projects to consolidate and apply those skills they have learned, while children in Year 5 will focus on developing their knowledge and understanding of multiplication and division. The games on Google Classroom which help to develop fluency in fraction, decimal and percentage equivalents are really useful again this term. As always, children will rely heavily on their recall of multiplication facts, so the more practise they can get on TTRS, the better. Look out for more competitions this half term to get everyone motivated!

<https://play.ttrockstars.com/>

Our learning in Science will be about human growth and development. We will learn about the different stages of life, gestation periods, and asexual and sexual reproduction.

In RE, we will be investigating the question, "How does faith help people when life gets hard?" as we explore the Christian and Hindu faiths in relation to beliefs around what happens when we die.

We'll also be continuing links with our partners at Sanjivani International School in Mumbai. This half term, we will be continuing our collaborative project around the UN Sustainable Development Goal of Responsible Consumption and Production, with a particular focus on community involvement. Keep your eyes open for opportunities to get involved!

Homework will continue to have the same format and structure this term. New tasks will be set each week on a Friday, and will be due in the following Friday. Children in Year 5 and Year 6 have maths, spelling and reading record tasks to complete. Children in Year 6 will also be given an additional reading comprehension task.

As we approach the end of the school year, we will be spending some time focusing on transition, both to secondary school (for those children currently in Year 6) and into being a Year 6 pupil and taking on extra roles and responsibilities (for those children currently in Year 5). There are many opportunities for children to ask questions about their next steps, and to consider what changes may happen for them. This is to help them to feel prepared and confident as they enter the new academic year, and to help them to really appreciate and enjoy their time with us at primary school.

As always, if you have any questions about your child's learning, please do get in touch via email at admin@witheridge.devon.sch.uk or feel free to find me on the playground at the end of the school day!

Thanks for your continued support.

Mrs Nott

