

Important Dates



Mon 13th Jan	9.00am Volunteer safeguarding Training (for new volunteers)
Wed 29th Jan	Maths games with children at 2.50pm (UKS2)
Mon 3rd Feb	Life Bus in school
Friday 7th Feb	PTA disco 6.45pm KS2
Mon 10th Feb	2.00pm Yr5 Festival of Literature
Weds 12th Feb	2.00pm School Council Picture Book Award
Thurs 13th Feb	Year 5 instrumental concert
Half Term	17th - 21st Feb 2020
Mon 24th Feb	INSET DAY
Tues 25th Feb	Children Return to School
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Fri 28th Feb	Technology Week
Tues 25th Feb	Parent consultations 4-7pm
Weds 26th Feb	Parent consultation 3.30—6pm
Thurs Mar 5th	World Book Day (dressing as an adjective)
Sun March 8th	Albert Hall Hertfordshire Gala Concert
Mon March 9th	Year 5 Work Sharing 2.50pm

Trips / Events this Term

Monday 3rd February—Planetarium in school

Work sharing

Monday 9th March at 2.50pm



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Spring Term 2020

General

Happy New Year! Welcome to the start of the Spring term. We hope you had an enjoyable Christmas; thank you very much for your generous gifts.

We look forward to welcoming Miss Holborn to Class 9 on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. If you have any questions please see us in the playground at the end of the day or send a non-urgent message through the office.

Mrs Newman, Miss Ward and Mrs Venning



Our Topic

This term our topics are Stargazers and Alchemy Island. For the first half term, children will learn all about space. For the second half term, the children will explore an imaginary island.

Science—Earth and Space (first half term)

Children will learn about how the planets orbit the sun and how the moon orbits the Earth. They will learn why day and night occur. This topic will include a visit from the Planetarium.

Science—Forces (second half term) Children will learn about air resistance, water resistance and friction through a variety of practical investigations.

History—significant individuals and events

Children will be learning about significant individuals such as Galileo and Newton. They will also learn about the 1960s space race.

Art (first half term)

Children will be learning about the artist Peter Thorpe and relating their knowledge to creating space imagery in paint and pencil.

DT (second half term)

Children will be designing and making a space buggy, with as many working parts as possible.

RE

Belonging to a community, religious leadership, communicating beyond prayer, different ideas about God and gods, creation.

Geography (second half term)

Children will be using mapping skills to explore Alchemy Island and navigate their way round. They will learn about the rainforest and deforestation.

PE Kit



PE lessons are on Mondays and Wednesdays. Please ensure indoor and outdoor kit is in school all week. Focus for sessions - Gymnastics and Net-ball.



Home Learning

Homework is still given out on Fridays and collected in on Wednesdays. Children will receive a paper copy and it will be put on e-schools.



Please make sure this term you help your child learn and quickly recall their multiplication tables. Also, please ensure children are reading at least three times per week, including reading aloud to an adult. Homework tasks should take approximately 30 minutes to complete.

Maths

Focus of the term: equivalent fractions, comparing and ordering fractions, adding and subtracting fractions and multiplying fractions by whole numbers, converting units of measure, area, volume and capacity, percentages, 3D shapes, reflection and translation, perimeter, drawing and estimating angles and identifying unknown angles.

Reading

In class, we will be reading a range of texts, including Cosmic by Frank Cottrell-Boyce., which is linked to our Space topic.



All children have a reading record book which they are expected to take home and bring into school daily. Teachers will check record books in your child's weekly guided reading session. Children may use school library books or bring in an age appropriate book from home. Please listen to your child read at least three times per week in order to help them increase their vocabulary and deepen their understanding of the text. If your child has lost or misplaced their reading record, please let us know as soon as possible.