



St John's Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy term we have had in Year 5! We have continued with our 'I Will Survive' topic, then moving in to our focus on Space where we have written Tim Peake's autobiography, space poems following our work with James Carter, learnt about what happens to the Earth, Moon and Sun, created our own 'Space Invader' games using coding plus so much more! A particular highlight for the class was our trip to the National Space Centre in Leicester which pulled all of our space learning together brilliantly. Thank you to the parents who helped on this trip – I really appreciate it!

Our topic after the Easter break is called 'Born to Dream'. We will start the topic by learning about inspirational people such as Nelson Mandela, Marie Curie, the Wright Brothers and many others who have had a significant impact on the world and/ or more local communities. During this topic we will also be thinking about what the children are interested in, what they would like to be when they are older and what they will need to do to get there. I will, of course, stress to the children that they may not know what their aspirations are (they are only 9 or 10 after all), however, we will start to think about the vast number of jobs and career opportunities that are out there for them. We will also think about what skills and strengths the children already have and how these may support them in the future.

During the topic we will also study different artists such as Kapoor, Gormley, Hurst and Hockney. We will learn about their different styles and recreate our own Art using what we learn about the artists.

P.E. kit

Please ensure the children have their full P.E. kit in school every day as our P.E. days often change due to events such as trips. Our school P.E. kit is blue or black shorts and a plain white T-shirt – with or without our school logo. If the children are doing outdoor P.E. they can bring some long jogging bottoms and another sweatshirt to wear, preferably blue, black or grey. Shorts and T-shirts are available in many shops, or you can order P.E. kit from our uniform supplier: <http://stjohns.makeitmine.co.uk>

Clarinet

We are continuing to have our Clarinet lessons on a Monday so please help the children remember their clarinets for the lesson. Please encourage them to practise their clarinet at home to support the learning they have done in the music lessons.



Homework reminder

There may be occasions where they get different homework, however, this is the usual expectation:

Reading	15-20 minutes at least 4 times a week	I usually check their reading journals daily so please ensure they have them at school every day.
Grammar homework	There is an increasing demand on the children's knowledge and using/ applying grammar and punctuation. To support the work done in class, the children will be getting grammar homework on a weekly basis.	Set on alternate Tuesdays and due in the following Tuesday.
Maths	Various Maths sheets/ activities on a weekly basis	Set on alternate Tuesdays and due in the following Tuesday.
Spelling	From the KS2 curriculum list and relevant spelling patterns	Usually set on a Monday for a quiz on the Friday with activities during lessons throughout the week.

Forest School

Our Forest School day is changing so please make sure your child has their full kit on a Thursday next term

Helping Out in Year 5

We really welcome any offers of help to support our learning in Year 5, especially with reading. Please do not feel you have to come in every week if you volunteer, just turn up as and when you can and I will allocate you children to listen to. We also need occasional help when we go out on local trips. Please come and speak to me if you can help – we will really appreciate it!

Please do not hesitate to come and talk to me if you have any questions or concerns or send me an email via the office email account – office.2567@st-johns.oxon.sch.uk

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Colbourne and Mrs Perry