

Dear Parents,

We hope you had a lovely half term break. Below is an overview of our learning for this half term.

### Spring 2 learning overview

#### English

We will be using the book 'The Darkest Dark' by Chris Hadfield to inspire our writing. We will be learning how to use a variety of verb forms used correctly and consistently, use commas to clarify meaning or avoid ambiguity in writing, link ideas across paragraphs using adverbials and tense choices and use brackets, dashes or commas to indicate parenthesis. We will be writing our own formal biographies about Chris Hadfield.

In our reading lessons, we will continue to develop our comprehension skills while reading a selection of short stories and extracts all about Space. We will use the text Exploring Space by The Literacy Company and a film called Planet Unknown by Shawn Wang

#### Maths

We will the move on to learning about how to calculate perimeter and area. Our final maths topic of this term will be statistics, where we will learn about reading and drawing line graphs and tables.

In our maths lessons, we are working hard to show our working out, explain our mathematical thinking and use precise mathematical language.

#### Science

Our science learning will focus on Life Cycles. We will learn about the life cycles of plants.

#### Geography

In geography, we will be exploring the question 'Would you like to live in a desert?'

#### RE

In RE, we will be exploring the question 'Creation and science; conflicting or complementary?'

#### PE

We will be focusing on dance and parkour. Our PE days are Wednesday and Friday.

#### DT

In DT, we will be designing and making doodlers, using electrical systems.

#### Computing

We will be learning about data and systems for sorting, storing and sharing information.

#### French

We will be learning how to talk about animals and pets in French.

#### Music

We will be learning composition and we will compose our own music to represent the Hindu festival of colour, Holi).

#### PSHE

Y5 will be continuing their ARCHIE project where they become ambassadors at school, home and in the wider community. This is a leadership, character education and personal development programme, where pupils develop core skills and have practical opportunities to volunteer and help others in their community.

As always if you have any queries, don't hesitate to contact us,  
The Y5 Team.