

Year 5 Learning Letter (Autumn 1)

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Believe in world of possibilities

Year 5's Learning News

Welcome back....

HEADLINE NEWS...Year 5 have begun the year as detectives, having received a strange tweet from an alien civilisation. Friendly aliens, from a far off galaxy, need the help of the Year 5 children of BPS to decide whether the planet Earth is a good place to relocate!

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Being me in my world

In Jigsaw, we have been working together to think about our vision for our school, our classroom environment and how to be successful learners. We have worked as a class to write our class charter, which we can refer to throughout the year to ensure we reach our potential and have fun in our learning.

Upcoming Events

Wed 13th Sept - Space Dome Visit
Wed 27th Sept - Virtual Reality session
Tue 3rd Oct - PALS training
Wed 11th Oct - Parent Learning Session - Reading
Wed 18th Oct - Space Museum Open Classroom 2:50pm - 3:10pm
Thurs 2nd Nov - Parent Learning Session - PaG 10:10am - 10:40am
Fri 3rd Nov - Year 5 cake stall
Wed 8th Nov - Photo day

What we will be learning...with top learning tips

Reading...The Iron Woman...We will be working on summarising sections of text, working out what kind of person each character is from their actions and making predictions.

Learning Top Tip - Alfie and Toby say, "So that you don't lose where you are in the text, use your finger or a book mark for guidance."

Writing...The Iron Man... We will be developing our story skills as well as advancing our understanding of grammatical terminology and using it in our writing. Learning Top Tip - Eliza says, "Use a thesaurus to help you find new and exciting vocabulary."

Maths... We will start the year by revising place value and basic calculations. We will also explore decimals, percentages, fractions and measures. Throughout all of these areas we will focus on developing our problem solving and reasoning skills.

Evie M's (Colmers A) top tip is: "When faced with a problem, circle the operation to make sure you do the correct calculation."

Spelling...We will be continuing to follow the Read, Write Inc scheme of work in spelling whilst applying these skills throughout all subject areas.

"Use resources from around the classroom to help you. For example you could use the bee posters, a dictionary or a friend." Said Gala, Summer and Alfie.



“We enjoyed receiving a message from ‘extra-terrestrial beings and exploring the field to find more clues about what they wanted.” Said Ryan.

“How far had he walked? Nobody knows. Where had he come from? Nobody knows. How was he made? Nobody knows.”

Who might this quote refer to?

What we will be learning...

Science - Our topic this term is ‘Space Odyssey - In order to answer the first question found in our alien time capsule ‘Is your planet a good place to live?’ We will be focusing on developing our knowledge of Space as well as considering different theories through our BIG BANG debate and project work.

Art - We will be practising both our drawing and painting skills, experimenting with creating movement and depth on the page, culminating in composing our own space inspired masterpieces!

Computing/DT - With Miss Bowles we will be designing and coding our own alien theme computer game.

PE - Both our PE sessions will be taught by Mr Gough our new Deputy Head. Outdoor PE will be on **Monday** afternoons and is football this half term. Indoor PE, will be taught by Mr Gough on **Tuesday** afternoons. It is crucial for your child’s health & wellbeing that they participate in all PE activities. Please ensure they have their PE kit in school. We will be calling with a polite reminder for any who forget. Thank you.

Music - Mrs Russell will be teaching Music. In these sessions, we will also be using ‘The Planets’ by Holst to explore musical terminology. We will then use Holst’s music as inspiration to write our own compositions about the planet Earth.

French - Mrs Russell will be teaching French. We will carry on from our Year 4 learning and continue to expand our French vocabulary.

What are you looking forward to about being in Year 5?

This year we are really looking forward to Viking day, the Space Dome visit, continuing with swimming (Spring) and of course our residential to Magdalen Farm in June next year.

6Rs (growth mindset) top tip:

Resilience

- If at first you don’t succeed, try, try and try again - William (Colmers A)

Home Learning ideas...

There are so many ways you can enhance your learning at home, here are a few suggestions:

- Miss Bowles says the best way you can improve your reading is through regular practice. Try to read for at least 10 minutes four times a week and discuss what you are reading with someone using the questions in your reading record. Or get lost in a book for hours...
- Mrs Russell suggests practising times tables regularly so that you don’t forget them. You could do this during breakfast, on the way to school or on car journeys... Where is the strangest place you have practised your times tables? Share with your teacher the strangest place you have practised yours!

Improving pupil voice, supporting pupil choice

School Council News and Views...

Hi everyone, as new school councilors for Year 5, we are really looking forward to being involved in organising events like Children in Need. We are also excited to represent our classes and suggest new ways to help out and make improvements to the school. Summer (Colmers A) Abigail (Colmers B)