



Year 5 Newsletter Term 2



SKEGNESS JUNIOR ACADEMY Above & Beyond - Space



Welcome back from half term, despite the national restrictions/lockdown, in Year 5 we are raring to go with plenty of exciting learning and one of our favourite topics of the year – Space.

We have made a few more changes to our transmission-reducing routines; making sure windows are open at all times and as teachers, we will now be delivering all lessons in protective visors. The pupils are continuing to impress us with their resilience during this time and have adapted extremely well.

Topic this term: Above & Beyond - Space

Science and geography take centre stage in our topic this term. The children will be learning about the workings of our Solar System and Earth's unique characteristics, allowing it to support life. The children will be learning about space travel; mankind's previous achievements in journeying to the Moon, as well as future plans to explore Mars and commercial space tourism.

In geography, the children will learn how to read maps and navigate using a compass, working with maps, statistics and facts on a larger scale.

In RE we will be moving on to Christianity, looking at the story of Advent and what it means to Christians around the world.

IT will continue to be incorporated throughout the curriculum and pupils will be applying technology in a wide range of lessons.

Things to remember...

PE days this term are Monday and Wednesday. Children are to arrive at school in their kit, as we are unable to provide changing facilities in school for large groups.

PE Kits- PE is outside (weather permitting), so please make sure your child has suitable footwear (not plimsols) and tracksuit bottoms would also be better at this time of year. We have been letting pupils wear their school jumpers/cardigans to keep warm.

Uniform: Correct uniform to be worn at all times, including sensible black shoes (not trainers). Please make sure your child has a jumper/cardigan, as we are keeping windows open to keep the classrooms ventilated.

Reading- Thank you for your support (and patience) with moving our tracking of reading online. We feel that the Forms system is working extremely well and it gives us a very clear picture of reading habits and progress. If you are still struggling to access Forms, please get in touch with your teacher.

English: We have started this term by looking at *Curiosity, The Story of a Mars Robot* by Markus Motum. The children have been learning about word classes and the specific differences between formal and informal language. We will soon be moving on to writing newspaper reports about Curiosity's mission, then looking at the Moon landings.

We now have a subscription to EdShed, a spelling game/program that we would really like support with at home (a bit similar to Times Tables Rockstars), your child will be able to log on at home practise the spelling rules set by their teacher.

Maths: During this term, we will be working on multiplication and division using formal methods. Pupils will be building on their place value knowledge to structure their methods, then use these methods to answer trickier, wordy problems.

Rapid recall of multiplication facts continues to be a high priority and we encourage pupils to increase their recall speed using the TT Rockstars program at home.