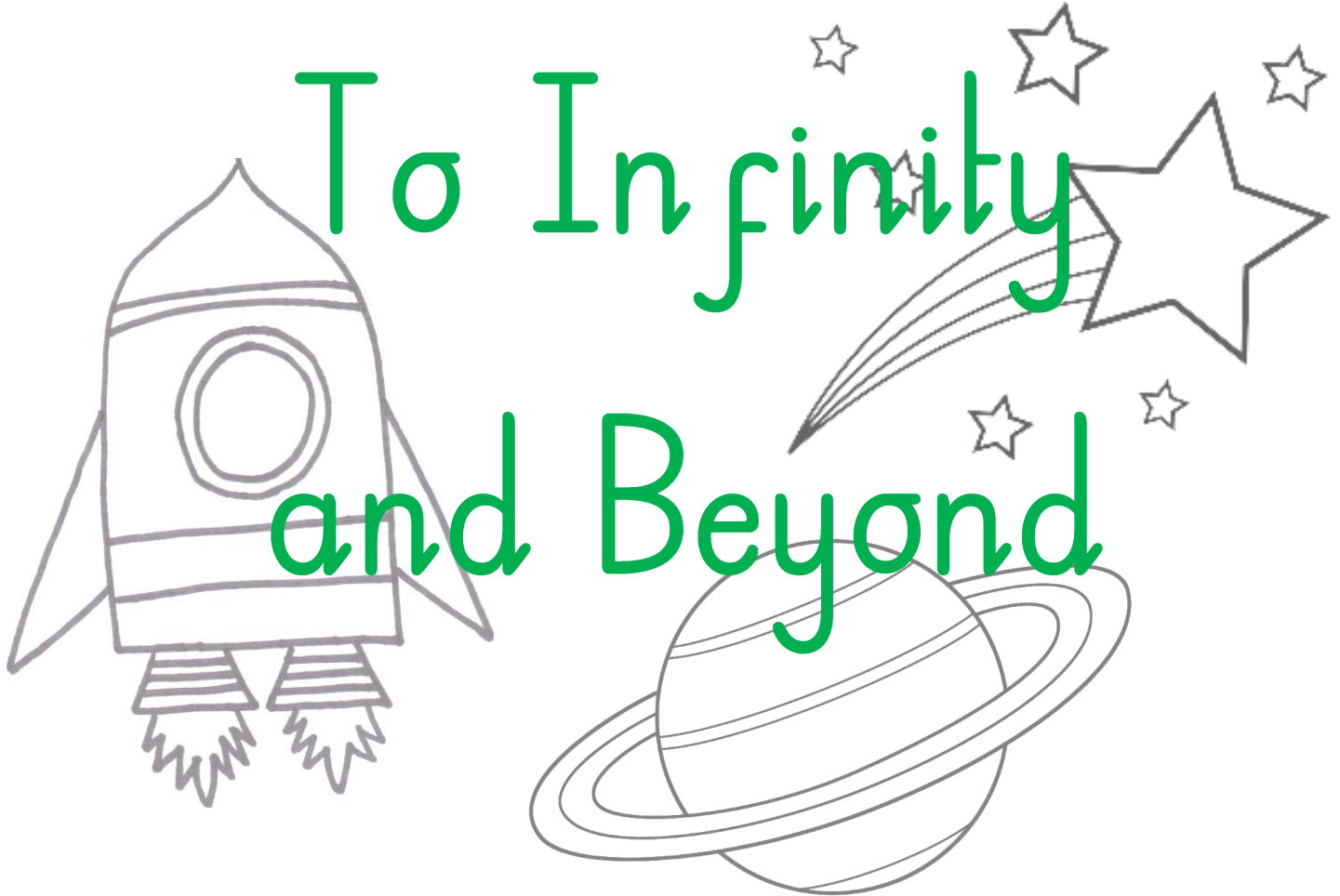




St Andrew's C of E Primary School



Spring 2017

Year 5/6

Stephen Hawking - Mr David Cox

Malala Yousafzai - Mrs Sarah Buettner

William Knibb- Miss Sami Kettle

Topic



This term the children will have the chance to explore space and beyond. Firstly, they will delve into history and look at people's mis-conceptions about earth and space; when did we discover the earth wasn't flat? They will also look at the 'Space Race' and which country is leading in the exploration of space travel. Next the children will look more in-depth at the planets of the solar system, the phases of the moon, day/night and the seasons. This will all be consolidated by with a trip to the Space Centre in Leicestershire. Finally we will spend some time looking at time-travel and inventions for the future! This will aid the children's topic homework.



Literacy

Literacy genres that we will be concentrating on this term are: narrative, non-chronological reports and biographies.

Within each of these units, we will focus our attention on the Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation side of the Literacy Curriculum.

We continue to set for Guided Reading; the children will have the opportunity to read a new fiction book as well as opportunities for poetry and non-fiction.

As always, our expectations are extremely high and we anticipate all children will apply the same high standard in all written work across the curriculum (including homework) as they would in their Literacy books.

Maths

In year 5/6, we set for maths which means children are working in smaller groups with more personalised learning opportunities.

We will be working on calculation in accordance with the new calculation policy and deepening the children's mathematical understanding through mastery.

Times-tables will continue to be of great importance. Please ensure that your children are practising them *daily* at home.

Science

Our science units this term are: 'Earth and Space' and 'Forces.'

Religious Education

Whose World is it?

How was the world created and why should we care about it today?

Homework

As outlined in our homework policy, children will receive:

- Weekly Maths homework
- Weekly Literacy (spelling & grammar). Children should complete sentences in addition to a spelling activity for each week of spellings.
- Termly Topic Homework (see box for details)
- Daily Reading is expected.
- Timetables practise is expected
- Children are also encouraged to use MyMaths, TTRockstars, Bug Club and RM Books regularly at home to enhance their learning.
- Please see your class teacher for further details.

Physical Education

Year 5 & 6 will continue to have PE on a Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Please ensure the correct PE Kit is in school at all times.

This must include:

- Black shorts or tracksuit bottoms
- White t-shirt
- Correct footwear (trainers or plimsolls)



Topic Homework

To design and make an invention that will save time with household chores or within school.

This piece of homework must reflect the amount of time pupils have been given for completion. A separate sheet has been given to the children.

Due: Friday 17th March 2017

Growth Mindset and Values

This terms values are Aspiration (January), Compassion (February), Excellence (March) and Forgiveness (April).

Please encourage children to fill in their Values Passports.

We are also promoting the language of a Growth Mindset. Please encourage your children to share their Growth Mindset learning with you.





Diary Dates

| Date | Event | Time & Location |
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| Thursday 12 th January | Year 5 Swimming Starts | During School Day - Corby Swimming Pool |
| Thursday 12 th January | William Knibb Class Assembly | School Hall - 9am |
| Monday 16 th January | Clubs Start | |
| Friday 20 th January | Reading Open Morning | Hall 8:45-9:45 am |
| Monday 23 rd January | Year 5/6 visit Peterborough Cathedral | Letter to follow |
| Wednesday 8 th February | Year 5/6 E-Safety Filming Day | Letter to follow |
| Thursday 9 th February | Trip to Space Museum | Letter to follow |
| Half Term 13th - 17th Feb | | |
| Tuesday 28 th February | Year 6 SATS meeting | Letter to follow |
| Thursday 2 nd March | World Book Day | |
| Thursday 16 th March | Stephen Hawking Class Assembly | School Hall - 9am |
| Friday 17 th March | TOPIC homework due | |
| Tuesday 21 st March | Topic Showcase to Parents | 2:45 pm in school hall |
| Thursday 23 rd March | Last day of Year 5 Swimming | During School Day - Corby Swimming Pool |
| Wednesday 29 th March | Parent Consultation Evening | 3:30-7pm |
| Thursday 30 th March | Parent Consultation Evening | 3:30-5pm |
| Friday 31 st March | Easter Church Service | 2pm @ St Andrew's Church |
| End of Term - EASTER HOLIDAYS | | |



Don't forget to follow our 5/6 Blog to keep up to date with all the fantastic work the children are doing. www.standrewsyear56.wordpress.com

Also don't forget to follow us on twitter @mrsbuetts , @mrcox5_6 , @BenArnell and @miss_kettle1

Links to all the above can be found on our new school website:

www.standrewsprimary.org.uk

