

# West Pennard Church of England Primary School

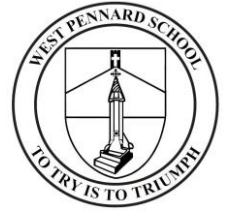


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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas. It is going to be another busy spring term, so I have included an overview of the things we will be covering in Year 5. Our topic is 'Blast Off!' and through this we will explore a whole range of topic-based learning linked to objectives across the primary subject areas.

## English

Our class text is 'Cosmic', from this text and links to our space topic we will study newspaper reports, story writing, persuasive writing and an explanation text.

Every child will be heard reading at least once a week during Accelerated Reader and Guided Reading sessions.

## Maths

Maths this term will cover multiplication and division, fractions, decimals and percentages. Children will continue to practice a 'times table of the week' each week in class and be tested on this weekly. We will also have regular arithmetic tests to help improve their mental calculation strategies.

## Science

Science this term will link to our topic and we will explore Earth and space - learning about the phases of the Moon and the relationship between the Earth, Moon and Sun.

## Topic

Our topic work this term will be based on 'Blast Off!' We will look at different aspects of the planets and Solar System, as well as astronauts and other important figures in the space community. We will also be visiting 'We the Curious', spending time in the 3D Planetarium and learning more about British astronaut Tim Peake, to bring the topic to life.

## Art and D.T.

As part of our work on Earth and space, we will be looking at the environment and exploring the use of recycled materials, in particular plastic waste, leading to designing and building plastic bottle cars. We will also be looking at the work of Van Gogh, creating our own artwork based on 'Starry Night'.



## R.E.

In R.E. this term we will explore Judaism and Jewish beliefs about God.

## P.E.

Year 5 have P.E. on Thursdays this term as part of enrichment and, for this term, will also incorporate swimming lessons on Friday mornings. PLEASE make sure your child has their FULL PE kit in school at all times and their swimming kit. PE is a vital part of the curriculum and we would hate for the children to miss out if they do not have the correct kit with them.

## Homework

Children will receive spellings and Maths homework every week, with an additional piece of SPaG or Topic homework on occasion. If your child is unsure how to complete their homework, please let me know and I will happily go through it with them during school time.

Please feel free to come and see me if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child. I am always happy to see parents at a convenient time. Alternatively, please contact me through Class Dojo and I will reply as promptly as possible.

Thanks for your continued support,

Yours sincerely,

Jess Morris