

# Emerald Class Spring term 2024

Happy New Year! Year Five is whizzing by!

## Reading

I am having to do so little to encourage them to keep up with their reading. Great motivation! So many of us are reading at least two novels per half term. We must encourage the children to read as often as possible at home and at least once a week to an adult.

We will continue to read our class novel Cosmic by Frank Cottrell-Boyce. We'll also be learning to read and perform JFK's famous moon speech. Thank you to those families who have been acting as 'lucky listeners' by hearing some of the work we have learned to read in class.

## P.E. Days

P.E. lessons during the first half term will be on Thursdays and Fridays.

## Mathematics

Keep practising your times tables. Regarding the school's Times Table Marathon, we want to be beyond gold level. It is an expectation that Year 5 children know all their times tables.

Times tables knowledge is vital in Year Five and Six as the curriculum takes it as a given that the children know *all* their times tables when facing new concepts such as percentages, decimals and written methods for multiplying and dividing larger numbers.

A few children have fallen behind with their MyMaths homework so please check how your child is getting on. It's ok to help them if they're getting stuck.

## OUR TOPIC, 1st HALF-TERM STAR GAZERS

Our topic this half-term will continue to be space themed but with a greater focus on space travel. During science, we will be focussing on forces in action (gravity, friction, air resistance etc).

### First half-term homework

As our topic is not changing, we will take a break from half-term homework. Thank you for all of your support with their space projects. I look forward to now sharing these as a class.

## OUR TOPIC, 2nd HALF-TERM

Pharaohs (Ancient Egypt)

After half-term we will be returning to a history focus, when we expand our knowledge of the Ancient Egyptian civilisation.

### Second half-term homework

Find out about an Ancient Egyptian god. You can take this in any direction you wish and present it in a way you like. This homework can be brought in any time between 26.2.23 and 28.3.23.

Please don't hesitate to contact me. I'm happy to talk to you about your child's progress anytime; we don't have to wait until parents' evening.

Thank-you for your support and understanding over the year so far.

Miss. Eglington

We are resilient



We show initiative



We apply our knowledge



We motivate ourselves and each other



We investigate our world



We collaborate together

