

Happy New Year and welcome to Term 3.

This term the children will begin the topic of Blast Off! The children will be;

- Identifying the position and significance of meridians around the Earth, including time zones, latitude, longitude and Tropics of Cancer etc.
- Describing the movement of the Earth and other planets relative to the Sun in the Solar System.
- Understanding the movement of the Moon relative to the Earth
- Understanding Earth's rotation to explain day and night.

In English our focus will be on creating a short narrative inspired by the text 'Alien Landing'. This involves internalising a model text through actions and images and using this text to support and encourage good quality independent writing.

In Maths this term's unit begins with developing our skills at multiplying and dividing and applying those skills to problem solving and reasoning. We will then begin a unit on fractions that will continue into Term 4. The children will be encouraged to be 'hungry for more' and complete the challenges planned for each lesson.

#### Homework

We will always give details of the weekly homework via the Weekly News.

#### Spellings

The children have been given a list of all the spellings to be learnt this term. Copies of these sheets are also available from the Class 5 section of the school website. Spellings will be tested every **Friday**.

#### Grammar and punctuation

The children have all been given log-in details for Spag.com these have been recorded in their Reading Records. At times during this term additional grammar and punctuation homework will be set using this website.

#### Maths and times tables

The children will be tested on times tables every **Wednesday**. The children will be set specific tables to learn and this will be recorded in their Reading Records. They are encouraged to use Times Tables Rockstars regularly to ensure their recall is rapid and have fun learning their tables at the same time. At times during this term additional Maths activities will be set on ActiveLearn.

If obtaining access to the internet is a problem the children are welcome to complete their homework at school - we would ask them to check with an adult when the most convenient time would be to use the IT suite.

#### Fun Weekend Fact

On January 6<sup>th</sup> 1066 King Harald was crowned

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Culver and The Year 5 Teaching Team