

We are off to a very busy start this term. This week the children have;

- Started learning the short narrative 'Alien Landing' through actions and images.
- Used role play to inspire writing of a playscript.
- Completed an Arithmetic paper in maths.
- Continued developing multiplication skills and methods.
- Compared and discussed the evidence for a flat and spherical Earth.
- Described the movements of the Earth and planets relative to the Sun.

!!!!STOP PRESS!!!! Alien egg located in school grounds. Eye witness accounts can be obtained from Year 5 pupils

Next week we shall be;

- Writing dialogue using the appropriate punctuation.
- Adding detail to sentences in French by including adjectives.
- Developing the use of dynamics in a song.

Hate Crime Workshop

As part of our PSHE curriculum we shall be completing a workshop on Hate Crime on **Wednesday 17th January**. As part of the workshop the children will be completing some active sessions -please ensure that **PE kits** are in school on that day.

Homework

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 on **Friday 19th January**.

SPaG Homework

This week year 5 have been set a homework task linked to the spelling and grammar focus from Tuesday's lesson. Some children have a paper based activity - these have been sent home today. The rest of the class have been set a task on SPAG.com (the children have been given their log in details, these are in their reading records). Both activities are due to be completed by **Friday 19th January**.

Times tables

Times tables, for this term, have been set on Timestable Rockstars. The timetables are set to reflect where the children's current knowledge and gaps are. Times tables activities will form part of our maths lessons three times a week and using Timestables Rockstars is a great way to build fluency and rapid recall. As the 'Band Manager' I have seen that some of the budding rock stars in Year 5 are using the site frequently which is fantastic to see. Times Tables will be tested on **Thursday 18th January**.

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.

Thank you very much for all of the donations of cardboard tubes- if you are still gathering them at home we are still happy to accept more to our ever increasing collection.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Culver and The Year 5 Teaching Team