

This week the children have;

- Written our version of the 'Alien Landing' story.
- Tried to include fronted adverbials or cohesive devices, both within and across paragraphs, to capture the reader's attention.
- Added and subtracted fractions using our knowledge of equivalence.
- Revisited our understanding of how to stay safe on the internet.
- Discussed how we would react in dangerous situations.

Our topic of 'Blast Off!' continues into Term 4 where we shall be;

- Understanding the act of gravity on a falling object
- Understanding the effect of air resistance, water resistance and friction between moving surfaces
- Recognising that some mechanisms allow a smaller force to have a greater effect

Homework

Half Term Activities

The usual homework will return in Term 4 but below are some suggested activities to have a go at during the half term break.

- Design and/or build a vehicle suitable to be used on another planet in our Solar System.
- You have been selected as the first pupil from Lenham to go to space. Write a letter accepting the challenge. Explain why you are suited to the role and how you will cope with the challenges (being away from home, living in zero gravity, sleeping and eating).
- List 10 things you would take with you to space. Why would you take them? What makes them special? What couldn't you be without and why?
- Research a mission to space (e.g. Apollo 11, Space Shuttle flights, the first cosmonaut, building the International Space Station)
- Plan a space themed party for children. What food would you serve? What type of games would you play? Are there particular music you would play at the party?

If you chose to complete any of the above activities we would love you to bring in your completed work on Monday 19th February.

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. The spellings to be tested for the first week of Term 4 are on these lists and the children should begin practising them over the half term holiday.

Spellings will be tested on **Friday 23rd February**

Times tables

Please remember to use Times Table Rockstars as a way to improve and maintain accuracy of recall in times tables. Times Tables will be tested on **Thursday 22nd February.**

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.

We hope you all have a lovely half term break and look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 19th February

Mrs Culver and The Year 5 Teaching Team