

## **Mulberry class letter**

12<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Dear Parents,

We have had a great start to what is going to be a fantastic year in Year 5! The class have all settled in well and this week we have begun our Year 5 learning.

In Maths over the next couple of weeks, we will be working hard to consolidate our ability to read and write numbers up to 1,000,000, rounding big numbers, counting in 10s, 100s, 1,000s and 10,000s and dealing with negative numbers. We will also focus on reasoning and problem solving.

Hopefully you will be hearing the children talk about mathematical reasoning as this is how we are ensuring that their understanding of mathematical concepts deepens and broadens.

The English curriculum is very much focused on skills now in order to give children the tools to write in a variety of styles of their choice. Before the summer holidays we asked the children to have a think about who their favourite book character is. Over the next few weeks we will be writing a biography based on our characters. The class have also been working on their responding to reading skills, and developing their skills of retrieving information from the text, making inferences and evaluating.



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In Computing we are looking at e-safety and focusing on how important it is to stay safe online.

For our science, we are going 'Out of this world' with Space! The class have begun this by looking at our solar system so do ask your child what they have learnt about to do with the solar system.

We will be taking a closer look at the moon in Art and sketching the shapes we find on the moon. This is leading to us creating a picture of the moon using a variety of mediums including bread! Watch this space!!

The homework grid has gone up on our website today and hard copies will be sent home tomorrow. We do love to see homework tasks and enjoy sharing them with the class.

This week the children will also take home their first set of spellings. Every Friday they will be given a new set of spellings to learn and will be tested on the following Thursday. In addition to learning their spellings they are also asked to write a sentence for each spelling in their spelling books.

In addition to their regular spelling pattern activities please keep a focus on learning Times Tables and reading regularly. We will have Times Table grid competitions every week.

We are looking forward to a wonderful year with the class Kind Regards

Mrs Winter and Mrs Donnelly