

# Indigo Class Newsletter

Term One 2011-2012

Dear Parents,

We hope you had a lovely summer break. We are pleased to welcome the children back to school and into Year 5. I am really looking forward to teaching them.

Our topic for this term is '**Time Travellers**'.

We will be studying The Tudors and finding out about schools, homes and food in the Tudor Times.

In **Literacy**, we will be reading a Roahl Dahl novel and we will be writing our own stories. We will be also looking at instruction texts and writing our own instructions. Our Literacy focus is punctuation and we will be focusing on the use of exclamation marks, question marks, commas and speech marks.

In **Numeracy** we will be learning about number facts, handling data (for example graphs/charts) and shapes. Our Numeracy focus is to learn all the times tables and we will be practicing our times tables through the use of speed tables.

Our **Science** topic is The Earth, Sun and Moon. We will be researching the different planets and space. We will be also finding out how the Earth, Sun and Moon work together to create day and night. Our Science focus is to ask questions using scientific evidence.

In **ICT** we will be developing our understanding of internet safety. The children will be learning how to keep themselves safe on the internet and think about sensible choices when using the internet.

In **Music** we will be learning how we can perform in groups using instruments. We will be creating pieces of music with the theme 'space.'

Mrs Adams will be teaching the class on a Tuesday afternoon. She will be teaching the children R.E. and Art. Mrs Adams will also teach the class every other Tuesday morning covering my leadership and management release time.

**PE** lessons will be on **Tuesday (outdoor)** and **Thursday (indoor)**. We will be learning gymnastic routines and netball skills.

**Superclubs** will be on a Thursday morning, so the children can come in at 8:30 and use the laptops.

**Reading Books.** The children seem enthusiastic about reading, and are keen to read in class which is great! Children need to bring in their reading record and reading book everyday.

**Homework** will be given out on a Friday and I will expect it to be returned on the Wednesday of the following week. I will be setting various relevant homework activities to help the children to consolidate the work we are doing at school. The homework will include a maths activity or a Literacy or Topic writing task.

The **spellings** will be focusing on learning the rules for spelling as this helps the children to retain the knowledge of how to spell groups of words. The focus this term is on unstressed vowels. Unstressed vowels are words that contain parts that we don't hear e.g. Wednesday and Separate. The children will be given a new set of spellings on a Monday and tested on the ones that they have been learning that week.

If you have any other queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,  
Mrs Morson