

## Term 3 & 4 Newsletter 2018

### Class 5 Explorers

Mr Oliver



*For learning that lasts  
a lifetime.*



**Welcome back everyone and Happy New Year! May I thank you for the wonderful Christmas gifts, it really was very kind of you, thank you so much.**

#### **Learning and Exploring**

The children have made a promising start to the New Year. They are building on their learning from last term, demonstrating their enthusiasm when exploring this term's new topics.

**Literacy:** We are looking at how writers create settings and characters by using imagery. We will be exploring how the use of describing emotions and detail bring excitement to the text and engage the reader.

Guided reading in groups takes place daily, in rotation and children have regular opportunities throughout the term to read to another year group in order to learn how to *engage* a child in a story.

**Mathematics:** We are looking at understanding the use of various division and multiplication facts. Children explain their methods so they understand the calculation fully. They are becoming much more skilled with their tables knowledge and are keen to show how they can complete their 'multiplication tables' in under a minute.

**Science:** We will be exploring Space this year! We will investigate the order of the planets, starting with the one closest to the Sun: Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus then Neptune. We will be exploring the Solar System and discovering that the Sun is at the centre and the planets follow individual paths called orbits around it. They all travel in the same direction, but move at different speeds and take different times to complete one orbit. Amazingly, the fact that the Earth travels around the Sun has only been accepted for the last 400 years.

**Home Learning** will be all about exploring these ideas. We want to help children discover how exciting the world is when you think for yourself. Home learning usually has some hidden tasks for the children to discover. Children will always have from Friday to Wednesday to complete this, so please encourage them not to leave it to the last minute!



We will also be participating in an Art Exhibition to be held at 'The Pines Calyx'. During this term we will be studying 'Starry Night' an extremely impressive and well known painting by Vincent Van Gogh. He used his art to portray his feelings about the world around him. The children will explore how his amazing use of paint creates dream like images.

In Modern Foreign Languages we will be developing our conversational French: learning about the home and important places in town.

PE is on Monday and Wednesday. We will be learning new hockey skills this term. As the weather is now rather wet and turning colder could the children bring joggers and trainers on those days if possible. We can then go outside as often as possible? Please remember your mouth guards.

Please continue to bring reading books and Reading Record Books in every day.

Thank you.