

Bude Primary Academy Head of School – Mr James Pritchard

Monday 18th December 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

We are looking forward to another exciting half-term of learning. This letter will give you a brief overview of some of the key information for the half term, including any trips and events that are coming up.

Spring 1 Curriculum Overview

Maths	Writing and Grammar	Reading	Curriculum Project	Science	PSHE
Continuing with fractions -adding and subtracting fractions. Multiplication and division- Short multiplication and short division using the 'bus stop' method.	Journal-Mars Transmission Narrative-Cosmic by Frank Cottrell-Boyce Regular spelling sessions including words ending in: 'ibly', 'ably', 'ent' and 'ence'.	Short texts, fiction and non-fiction, most linked to our project. VIPERS focus (vocabulary, inference, prediction, explain, retrieval, summary)	Stargazers This half-term Year 5 will learn about our Solar System, including our sun, planet and moon, and will design and build our own rockets!	Earth and Space Describe the movement of the Earth, and other planets, relative to the Sun in the solar system. Describe the Sun, Earth and Moon as approximately spherical bodies. Earth's rotation to explain day and night and the apparent movement of the sun across the sky.	Keeping myself safe Managing risk, including staying safe online and norms around use of legal drugs (tobacco, alcohol).

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Project Home Learning Guide

These can be completed at any time and then shared with the class staff.

- 1. Use a range of sources to find out about the planets in our Solar System, such as their diameter, position from the Sun, number of moons, day length, year length and type, for example gaseous or terrestrial. Record your results in a table.
- 2. Use books or the internet to find out how the Earth's rotation causes day and night and discuss this with an adult. Model the action of the Sun and Earth and how they create day and night using a ball (to represent Earth) and a torch (to represent the Sun). Write a short paragraph to explain day and night.
- 3. Use an app to help you to locate features in the night sky. Examples include natural objects, such as the Moon, planets, constellations and nebula, or man-made objects, such as the International Space Station or Starlink satellites. Choose how to record your observations.
- 4. Find out about a significant space scientist and write a biography or fact file about their life and work. Examples include Claudius Ptolemy, Ibn al-Haytham, Edwin Hubble, Stephen Hawking or Mae Carol Jemison.

<u>Trips / visitors</u>

Stargazers after school (evening) event on Tuesday 16th January. More details to follow.

PE days – Wednesdays and Fridays – Rugby and Tennis

Children will continue to come to school in their full PE kit on their PE days. Please make sure to dress appropriately for the weather, wearing joggers or a jumper where needed. Please also ensure that they have a coat as we still go for out for PE in the rain. We will be doing rugby on the field on Fridays so we ask that children have a spare pair of shoes and bottoms in their bag.

Home Learning

You can support your child at home by practicing their times tables. Pupils who know their times tables find all areas of maths a lot easier to understand. Your child can access TTRockstars through their Wonde login at home.

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Children should continue to read for pleasure at home. Here are a few questions you could ask them about their chosen book: What was your favourite part of the book? Who was your favourite character and why? What was the most interesting thing you learned from the book? Why do you think the author wrote this book? Would you have ended the book differently?

Reminders

Please could we remind you to send your child with a water bottle, a waterproof coat and a healthy snack (fruit, yogurt, cereal bar, vegetable or cheese), to eat at breaktime, every day.

Useful links

School website - Bude Primary Academy - Juniors (budejuniors.org.uk)



Thank you for your support. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. Don't forget to follow our Facebook page to see us in action throughout the term.

Year 5 Team

Mrs Miles and Mr Osborne (long term supply Rachel Davey booked for January 2024)

