

Courtney Primary Topic Sheet – Earth & Space – How do I become Tim Peake?

Year 5 Term 6 2018-19 Teacher: Mrs Elmore

English

Our work this term will focus on the absolutely fantastic “Cosmic” by Frank Cottrell Boyce.

We will work towards a warning tale and a persuasive advert as our two end of unit outcomes. As well as consolidating the skills already learnt across the year, we will be using devices to control more complex plots and organise our ideas in non-fiction writing.

Finally, our guided reading will build on the work we have done on using evidence to back up inferences from the text. We will also have a few weeks focused on reading scripts and altering our tone and expression for this.

Maths

To begin with, we will have a revision week where the children will consolidate previous learning and apply it to different situations and questions.

Next, we will continue our work on measurement, focusing more on volume and imperial/metric units.

Finally, we will look at Geometry: Properties of Shape. This will include recapping the work that the children have done on angles so far, as well as beginning to use protractors to measure them.

As always there is a whole school focus on developing our children’s reasoning and problem solving skills.

Science

This term we will be studying the topic of ‘Earth and Space’, which I know will engage and enthuse the class.

To begin, your child will look at what makes up our solar system and recognising patterns of the moon.

Furthermore, they will be exploring the Earth rotation to explain day and night along with how the seasons are created.

There will also be an opportunity to research the voyage that Tim Peake took on his recent expedition on the International Space Station and other previous missions including “a small step for man, one giant leap for mankind”.

RE

Our question for this term is “What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today?” This continues on from Term 5.

We will look at their views on the journey of life, as well as identify the key beliefs that underpin Islam faith.

Special Events

This term has a few special events lined up:

Week 2: The return of the Courtney Colour Run!

Week 4: Trip to We the Curious

Week 5: Sports Day & Banking session with HSBC

Week 7: KS2 Production

Geography

Due to the incredibly short and jam packed term 5, our geography focus continues to be exotic, fabulous Brazil! The children will study the geographical facts of Brazil; the divide between rich and poor- including urbanisation; and climate.

Music

In music this term we will be focusing on the topic “The history of music”

We will also be perfecting the songs for the upcoming KS2 production, which I am sure you will all love!

Art/DT

During the first week of term, children will be looking at the work of Peter Thorpe and recreating with their own creative flair.

We also plan on a whole class DT project where we will construct the solar system using paper mache!

PSHE

In PSHE we will be following a scheme of work called “Jigsaw” which focuses on 6 key themes. This term we will be thinking about “Relationships” as well as “Changing Me”, which will include our relationships and sex education work.

Our Courtney Crown Value this term is “We are assertive while still showing kindness and respect to each other.” This will also feed into our weekly circle times.

PE

As a school we follow the “Real PE” scheme of work which focuses on building up core skills and applying them in games. On Wednesdays the children will have a PE session with Mr Smith, our sports coach. They will also have another session on a Monday, either with myself or Mr Smith again.

If your child has long hair please make sure it is tied up on these days, and that they can take out their earrings. All children should have suitable PE kit kept at school.