

# Balloon Blaster

## Design and Technology

In Year Five we will be focussing on Design-Technology and Science this term within our topic lessons. Not only will we be making our own wands, casting spells and creating potions... but we will also be investigating forces; creating rockets, racing rafts and making balloon blasters!

## English

Within English our new book for this term in Year Five is Harry Potter and the Philosophers Stone. Once again, we will be basing our English lessons on this text whilst incorporating important grammar topics. This term specifically will include letter writing, report writing, descriptive writing, comprehension activities, and biographical writing.

Spellings will continue to be tested on a Tuesday with new sets every 2 weeks. It would be greatly appreciated if these were practiced on a regular basis to ensure that learning is achieved and improvements in spellings can be made.

Reading should be monitored at home as this will help to support fluency and confidence in this area in class.

## Spanish

This term, Spanish will be the focus language with the initial topic of '¡Todo sobre me!' (All about me).

## Maths

During this term will continue to focus upon improving mental arithmetic knowledge. Please encourage your child to practise these at home. As well as mental and written methods (of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) topic areas will include; decimals, fractions, percentages, ratio, proportion, problem solving, reasoning, algebra and geometry.

## Swimming!

Swimming lessons this term will take place on a Friday morning. It is essential that pupils have appropriate kit including swimming hats. Kits will be taken home on a Friday afternoon to be washed and asked to be brought back in before the next session.

## ICT

Scratch Developing Games Workshop Design

## Homework

Homework will continue to be given out on a Wednesday and is due back on the Monday morning. It is essential that adequate time is spent on homework ensuring that presentation is monitored as this is one of our goals as a class this half term. If significant support was required in assisting with the homework activity, please note this in the book.

Homework is not an optional activity and children are aware that they will miss out on free time activities if they fail to complete this on time.