**Litter Pick**

We will as a school be looking at our local environment on Friday 27th March. Each year group has been allotted a different street to care for and remove litter from. We will see, as a school, what a positive impact we can have on our neighbourhood.

**Earth, Moon and Stars**

We have a wonderful science topic this term and are in the process of booking a trip somewhere to learn about how the planets move and create day/night and seasons. We will keep you posted!

**Homework**

All pupils will continue to receive daily and weekly homework, based on what has been covered in class.

Maths homework will be daily.

Spellings will be sent home, and tested, weekly.

We are adding Reading comprehension homework twice a week, on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

A vocabulary building homework will be sent home weekly, usually a Friday.

We also encourage children to be reading regularly at home with a range of different texts and genres.

**Planet Preservers!**

**Term 4/ Year 5**

**Puffins** — Miss Edwards/Mr. Dockrell

**Barn Owls** — Miss Baker
**English**

This term we will be reading the book ‘Floodland’ by Marcus Segdwick, set in a future time when south east England has flooded. Our heroine, Zoe, leaves the island of Norwich alone on a boat. As well as looking at issues of climate change, trust and friendship, this book also introduces the readers to the poetry of William Blake.

**Overall aims of this teaching sequence:**

- To ask questions and comment on what we have read
- To explore the actions, choices and motivations of characters and draw inferences to aid our understanding of them
- To use varying sentence structures and punctuation to create drama
- To understand the features of, and create, non-fiction texts

**Mathematics**

This term we are focusing on **fractions**!

As a year group, we’ll be deepening our arithmetic skills with daily minute maths challenges. We are practising these skills:

- Adding/subtracting fractions
- Comparing and ordering fractions
- Finding equivalent fractions and the lowest common denominator

**Topic: Planet Preservers**

In Geography we will be looking at island life and using atlases to read different kinds of maps. We will look at contours (and link that to how England would look if it flooded). We will also be learning about earthquakes.

**Science: Circle of Life**

We will going cosmic! This term we look beyond our planet and out into the solar system. We will explore how night and day are created, and why the moon seems to change when it waxes and wanes.

**Computing**

Our topic is called ‘We are Architects’ and we will be looking at 3D design. We will be linking this to real life by looking at the designs made by architects for earthquake proof buildings.

**Immersive Reading**

We are continuing with our novel ‘The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe’ by CS Lewis, reading together and answering comprehension questions. We will look at the Christian themes in the story and how winter changes to spring.

**R.E.**

What did Jesus do to save Christians?

We will be looking at the what the Easter story teaches Christians about sacrifice. We will have visits from the Family Trust and will visit St Georges again for Why? Easter storytelling and crafts. We will consider what we would be willing to sacrifice for a cause.