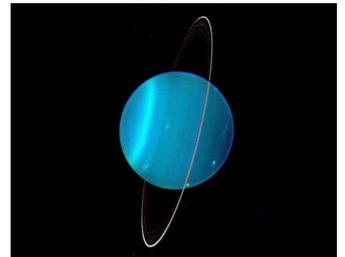


To (the new) Year 5!

I am Mr. Symes and I am very excited to tell you that I will be your teacher in year 5! Firstly, I want to say a massive well done to you all! Mrs McHale has told me how hard you have all worked over the lockdown period. This was a very different time and you've all risen to the challenge, so you deserve a big pat on the back.

I have already met some of you but I am looking forward to getting to know you all a bit better and to start our year 5 journey together. In my class, I aim to create fun and exciting lessons, and I like to have a joke, but I also do expect all the children to show excellent behaviour and to be respectful, ready and safe in the classroom. This becomes especially important in the upper years of school as many of the younger years will look up to you for support and see you as a role model for them; a challenge that I am positive that you will step up to.

Next year promises to be a great one, filled with learning that is exciting, interesting, and challenging. We have some fantastic topics lined up. One of these will be the science topic: Space, where we will study the moon, sun, and planets. This fits in nicely with our classroom names, as they are named after the planets in our solar system. Our class name will be Uranus, which is the 7th planet in our solar system. Here's a few facts about our new class name: Uranus was named by astronomer Johann Bode and was named after the Greek god: Ouranos, who is the god of the sky. It is also the coldest planet within our solar system and one day on Uranus is 42 years on Earth!



We will start the year with the topic: The Great, the Bold and the Brave, where we will be studying the First World War and the brave men, women and animals which fought for our country. We will also be looking at the men and women from Church Fenton who were affected by the war. I'm sure you will all find this a fascinating topic.

I know a few of you may wish to revisit a few areas of learning ready for year 5. As with all years, multiplication tables are very important and will feature in all areas of mathematics over the year, so continuing to use TTRockstars over the summer holidays will be a very effective way of practising these. Along with this, I would advise that you continue to keep reading a range of new books from a range of different authors over the summer holidays. As a class we will ensure that we revisit any learning that you feel that you lack confidence with and I will make sure you are supported throughout the year.

I look forward to hearing about what you get up to over the holidays. Have a lovely summer and be sure to get plenty of rest. I look forward to seeing you in September, ready and refreshed.

All the best,

Mr. Symes