

Term 2

Key Dates for the Diary

Herstmonceux Science Centre visit	Wednesday 22nd November
Home learning deadline	Monday 11th December
KS2 Christmas Performance	Monday 18th December— 2.00pm-3.00pm

Herstmonceux Science Centre Visit

Wednesday 22nd November

Can we please remind you that the deadline for returning the permission slips for this visit was today so that we can make the appropriate arrangements regarding school lunches.

If your child has a school lunch, and you have not already done so, please return the permission slip **tomorrow**. Without consent pupils will not be able to attend.

KS2 Christmas Production

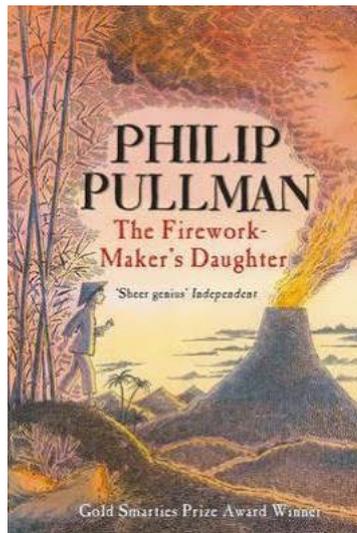
Parents are invited to join us for this on **Monday 18th December** at **2.00pm**. We hope to see lots of parents at this event.



WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back to term 2! We hope you are feeling recharged after the half term break. Thank you and well done to all of the children (and parents!) who completed the home learning challenge we set over the half term break—we are very impressed with the effort that has clearly been put into the work.

WONDERFUL WORLD



This term our core text is *The Firework-Maker's Daughter* by Philip Pullman and the children will be developing their skills in writing instructions for fictional fireworks and explanations. This exciting novel takes us on a quest to find the secret ingredient to become a firework maker. This links with our topic of Wonderful World where we will be looking at Earth, volcanoes and the solar system.

In Science we will be learning about Space before our exciting trip to Herstmonceux Observatory where lots of hands-on activities will reinforce learning. Year 5 also have the opportunity to take part in a 'telescope tour' to explore what is beyond the human eye.

HOME LEARNING

Your task this term is to make a homemade volcano that we will erupt on the last week of term as part of our science lesson in class. Volcanoes can be made using a large plastic bottle. See separate instruction sheet to follow.

The deadline for these marvellous creations is **Monday 11th December**.

Spellings—these will be sent home on a Friday in the children's Home Learning books for them to learn for a test the following Friday. We ask that the Home Learning books are returned to school with evidence of spelling practise by the Wednesday of the following week.

Reading—our expectation is that all children should be reading with an adult at home **5 times a week** and this should be recorded in their Reading Record, which needs to be in school every day.

Times tables—each week your child will be tested on their times tables until they have covered all of them, up to 12 x 12.

PE DAYS

In Year 5 PE will take place twice a week as follows:

Curlews— Tuesdays and Fridays

Egrets—Tuesdays and Thursdays

We have noticed that there is a significant number of children in Year 5 with no PE kit in school on a regular basis.

PE kit **must** be worn and consists of a plain white T-shirt, black shorts and appropriate footwear (plimsolls or trainers), clearly marked with your child's name.