

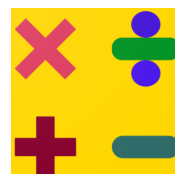


Year 5: Spring 2: Journeys through Space

What's our focus this term?

Our next unit will take place over both this half-term and Summer 1, as we embark on our space exploration! The children will begin their English learning with a whole school text before moving on to the exhilarating story of Hidden Figures.

We will also be building on our Spring 1 work on forces in science by welcoming educators from the Winchester Science Museum to deliver a series of workshops to further the children's understanding of this topic. Please see the second page of this newsletter for more information in this.



To help your child make excellent progress, we will continue to send home the orange books this half-term. These will be sent out on a Monday and due back the following Monday. Our teachers then work with your child during the week on any misconceptions that they have. Thank you for your continued support.

Spring 2 (7 weeks): Space Exploration

<p>Stimulus: Hidden Figures</p> <p>History and Geography: Space Race</p> <p>English text: The Mouse & the Lion (whole school text)/ Hidden Figures</p> <p>Class reader: Blackberry Blue/ Robot Girl</p> <p>Fluency Project: Orion Lost</p>	<p>Computing: Scratch</p> <p>RE: Faith</p> <p>PSHE: Community</p> <p>French: Birthdays and Food</p> <p>Science: Forces</p>	<p>Indoor PE: Yoga</p> <p>Outdoor PE: Tennis</p> <p>Art: Dali sculpture</p> <p>DT: Space Mission patches</p>
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KEY DATES

- 3rd March: World Book Day
- 25th March: Dads Vs Kids football (sign up only)
- 31st March: Mums Vs Kids Quidditch (sign up only)
- 7th April: Talavera Treat
- 8th April: Last day of term
- 25th April: INSET day
- 26th April: First day back for children

We will also be holding a Bronze, Silver, Gold assembly. We hope to be able to invite you to this - watch this space!



HOMEWORK

The children have got off to a good start with their homework but please be aware that we will now be ensuring that there is always completed, as part of their preparation for year 6.

In Year 5, homework consists of a weekly Mathematics (online) and an English task (paper sheet). Both are set on a Monday and due in the following Monday.

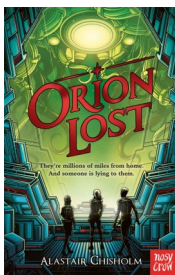
5 'rule breakers' or tricky words will be sent home on a Monday in their spelling book and via text to practice. We also ask that you continue to practise times tables recall with your children regularly and continue to use TT Rockstars.

Finally, we ask that you ensure they are reading either a school book or a book from home at least 3 times per week and that this is recorded in their reading record and signed by an adult.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Fluency project

This half-term, year 5 will be completing a fluency project. This will take place over two afternoons a week, with your children developing their pace and fluency when reading a text at length. This is a vital step to prepare them for year 6. Your child will still be given as much support as they need but we will be encouraging independence in their reading.





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Winchester Science Museum

We have been invited to take part in a very exciting project by Winchester Science Museum. Over the course of the next half-term, educators from the museum will visit Talavera to deliver a series of workshops on the topic of forces. The aim of the project is to help children to understand the nature of forces, and then to apply them to a project with real-life applications. For us, this will be how to encourage environmentally-friendly space exploration.



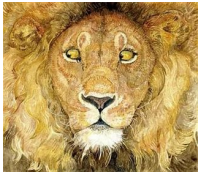
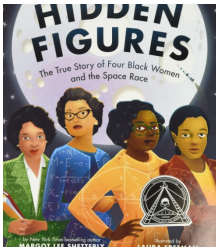
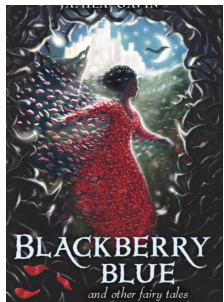
The workshops are completely free and will take place in-school, during school hours.

After the workshops have been completed, your child will have the chance to take part in a competition to create an exploration method. This will be judged by members of the STEM community in an external competition.



Following on from this exciting project, we will then be visiting Winchester Science Museum in the Summer 1 term. This will include a tour, a trip to the observatory and the chance to get to know more about everything that has excited us! We cannot wait!

Have a sneak peak into some of the exciting texts we'll be reading this half term across our core and foundation topics.



Online safety

Please make sure that you are continuing to support your child's online safety by ensuring you are aware of the content that they are consuming online. If you have any questions about how to keep your child safe, please talk to their class teacher.

Many children have been discussing the activities of hackers on Roblox. Some of them have gathered incorrect information from videos on YouTube, which is causing them significant worries.



Although Roblox has many safety features, and many YouTube videos about Roblox will seem safe, please take extra care and ensure that you are actively discussing how safe your child is with them.

Please also monitor their use of apps such as WhatsApp to ensure that conversations are appropriate and safe.

We thank you so much for your continued hard work to keep your child safe in an ever-changing online world.

