

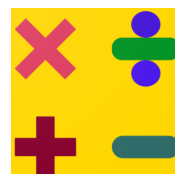


# Year 5: Summer 1: Journeys through Space

## What's our focus this term?

As you will remember, our Journeys through Space unit was begun last half-term and will continue across summer 1. Your children wrote some fantastic pieces inspired by the women of Hidden Figures, and a just-by-chance link to Captain Preet Chandi which was so exciting for us all.

Next half-term, we will be beginning with Curiosity, which is the story of the Mars Rover, giving the children the opportunity to write from an unusual perspective. We will be finishing our Orion Lost fluency project - a story about a group of children who have no choice but to step up when their spaceship only wakes them, not any of the adults aboard. We're loving it!



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.

## Summer 1 (5 weeks): Journeys Through Space

<p>Stimulus: Curiosity</p> <p>English text: Curiosity/ Orion Lost/ The Highwayman</p> <p>Class reader: Robot Girl</p> <p>Science: Space</p>	<p>Computing: Website building and networks</p> <p>PSHE: Personal Safety</p> <p>French: We're Going on a Bear Hunt</p>	<p>Indoor PE: Gymnastics</p> <p>Outdoor PE: Cricket</p> <p>Art: Dali sculpture</p> <p>Music: Space and Planets</p> <p>DT: Space Mission patches/ Moving Vehicles</p>
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## KEY DATES

- 26th April: First day back for children
- 27th April: STEM satellite judging
- 2nd May: Bank holiday
- 3rd May: Geography Week
- 9th May: Integrity Week
- 9th May: Maths Investigation Week
- 18th May: Winchester Science Centre trip
- 26th May: Talavera Treat
- 27th May: British Values Day/ Jubilee Celebration
- 27th May: Last day of term
- 6th June: First day of next half-term

## 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.

## Geography Week

This half-term, every year group will be completing a special Geography Week. Each year group will take a different country in Africa as their focus and then explore what we think we know about this continent.

This will take place on the week beginning 2nd May. You do not need to prepare anything for it but please make sure you ask your child what they have learned about Africa.



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## Winchester Science Centre

Please remember that we have a trip to the Winchester Science Centre on **Wednesday 18th May** for which we will be taking the coach. Please make sure you provide a packed lunch (if you are entitled to a free school meal, we will provide this) in a backpack and give any anti-sickness tablets that they need before coming to school.

We will be coming back before the end of the school day.

This is an amazing opportunity to explore the children's space topic in an exciting and up-to-date environment. We cannot wait to give your children this learning chance!

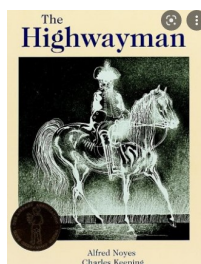
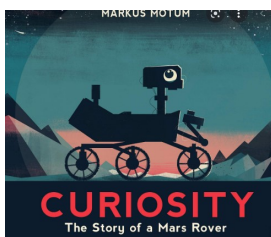
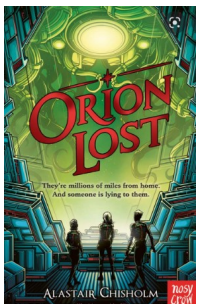
## Maths Investigation Week

We will be taking part in a Maths Investigation Week this half-term, **starting 9th May**, for which your child will have the opportunity to apply their creativity and amazing year 5 learning to maths in a range of contexts.

We will be giving the children freedom to explore maths in this wide range of contexts in order to allow them to celebrate just how far they've come this year.

We are very proud of how much progress each and every one of them has made. Please make sure to ask them about Investigation Week to see what they have been learning.

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.

Some children have found it difficult to understand the way that it is appropriate to talk on a public online platform, such as their Google Classroom account. This is a school account and we need the children to understand that this is good practice of how to be professional. Please help them to understand what is and isn't appropriate to share and say on this platform.



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.