

Year Five's Half Termly Newsletter
Mrs Alty, Miss Murphy and Mrs Davis

February 2022

Welcome back to the second half of the spring term!

We hope that you have had a lovely week together and that the children are refreshed and ready for another exciting term.

Home Learning

Reading

Last term, we sent home login details so that you can access Accelerated Reader at home and see how your child is getting on with their quizzes. Please continue to encourage the children to read regularly at home and talk to them about what they are reading.

Staff listen to all pupils read frequently. Teachers can listen to pupils reading in a range of lessons from whole class guided reading to history or geography as we read in every lesson.

Times Tables

It is really important that the children know all of their times tables up to 12 x 12. We will be continuing our work on fractions this term, so the children need to use their times table knowledge.

Please encourage your children to practise their times tables regularly on Times Table Rockstar. If you would like a times table square to be sent home so you can quiz your child, please ask one of the Year Five staff.

Knowledge Organisers

The children will embark on some exciting new topics this term. To support your child with their learning, you can access their Knowledge Organisers on the children's section of our [website](#). You can help at home by quizzing your child on the information, asking them what they can remember so far and challenging them to find out more.

Home Learning Menu

The children worked so hard on The French Revolution activities last term. Thank you so much for your dedication and your support at home with the children's learning. We were blown away by the children's efforts. We had a wonderful range of posters, timelines, storyboards, a beautiful poem, art work and even songs and drama posted on Seesaw Thank you so much! It really helped to bring our history topic alive!

This term's menu will be based on their science topic, Astronomy. The children are already very excited about this topic and I'm sure they'll produce some exciting, creative work.

Safety Reminders

Just a reminder that children are no longer allowed to bring metal water bottles into school as there has been a number of incidents involving these – many thanks for your support with this.

PE

PE lessons will be on a Friday afternoon. Please ensure that your child has their games kit in school.

Five Be Experiences

We are really excited to be inviting the Young Shakespeare company into school for a performance of Twelfth Night. We will be sending home a letter about this shortly.

Dates for your Diaries

Tuesday 22nd February	Confirmation sessions begin
Monday 28 th February	Art day
Friday 11th March	Computing Day
Tuesday 15 th March	Young Shakespeare Performance
Thursday 31st March	Class Worship
Wednesday 30 th March	Parents' Evening
Friday 1 st April	End of term

Please take a look at the 'Class Newsletters' part of our website to see our Spring 2 Curriculum Map and the Home Learning Menu.

As usual, please do not hesitate to contact us if there is anything you would like to discuss.

Kind regards,
Mrs Alty, Miss Murphy and Mrs Davis

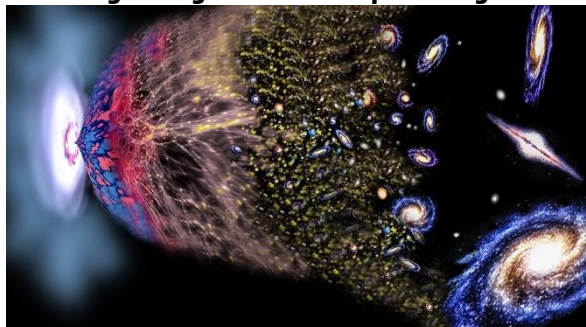
Curriculum Map Year Five

Maths In maths, we will continue our work on fractions. The children will be given the opportunity to apply their multiplication and division knowledge to solving problems involving fractions.	English We will start the half term with planning group presentation based around the Highway man. We will then move on to a graphic novel from David Almond called the Savage. We will be writing setting descriptions using figurative language.	RE We will be learning all about Easter and how Christians believe it can be thought of as a victory. We will read the beautiful picture book, the Easter Angels.
History In history, we will be learning all about The Abolition of Slavery. They will explore why African people were transported to the Americas, what life was like for them and how slavery was eventually abolished.	Geography We'll be leaving the British Isles behind this term as we set sail for Australia! This is an exciting topic where the children will study the physical geography of the country as well as the colonisation, the invasion of the rabbits and the current threat of climate change and urbanisation to Australia's biodiversity.	Science In science, we will be learning about astronomy. The children will learn about The Big Bang Theory, the Solar System and the Moon. They'll also be looking further afield at our galactic neighbourhood to gain an understanding of where we are in this universe.
PE The children will be learning how to play cricket this term. They will start by practising the basic skills required to play the game; throwing, catching and rolling the ball as well as running and batting. The children will then apply these skills by playing small matches with their class mates.	Computing We will be learning all about data bases and how they are used to store and compare information. We will be presenting information using charts and graphs.	MFL We will be learning to talk about animals and their habitats.
Music We will be continuing our violin lessons with Miss Barton with a focus on the correct use of the bow.		PHSE We will continue to discuss with the children how to keep themselves safe online as well as discussing their responsibility for living in the wider world. The children will explore how to take care of their environment and respect the planet on which we live.

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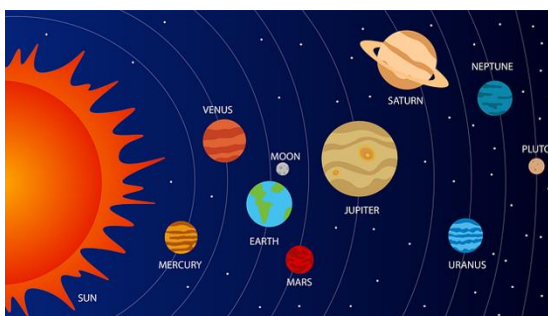
Science – Astronomy

The Big Bang and the expanding universe



Draw a diagram or create a piece of art depicting The Big Bang Theory. Add an explanation showing what astronomers believe happened.

Our Solar System



Create a fact file describing the 8 planets in our Solar System and/or create a 3D model of the Solar System.

The Moon



Write an account of the first landing on the Moon in 1969.

How many humans have landed on the Moon so far?

Draw a diagram of the phases of the Moon.

Our Galactic Neighbourhood

What is in our galactic neighbourhood? Describe the Milkyway, Andromeda and Laniakea.

Choose how to present your information:

poster	story	poem
song	drama	news report



Useful Links

<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/space>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zkbbkqt>

<https://www.planetsforkids.org/galaxies/milky-way.html>

<https://www.ouruniverseforkids.com/>