

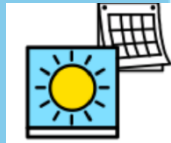


Year 5 Autumn Term Newsletter – Second Half

Home Learning



Upcoming Events



Thursday 27th November - 7:15-8:15:
Y5+6 Disco

Wednesday 3rd December –
Winchester Science Museum trip

Wednesday 10th December -
1:30pm: Christmas Production

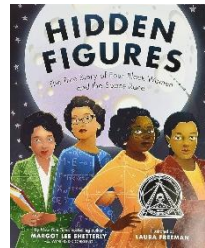
Thursday 11th December - 9:15am:
Christmas Production

Wednesday 17th December -
Christmas Party

English



Our topic this half term is Space: Hidden Figures and Pandora!



In Hidden Figures, the children will learn about the inspiring story of Katherine Johnson and her incredible contribution to space exploration. They will write a persuasive letter to the King, from the viewpoint of a fan of Katherine, convincing him to include her on the honours list. The children will focus on persuasive writing techniques such as emotive language, rhetorical questions, and powerful vocabulary to strengthen their arguments.

In Pandora, inspired by the film Avatar, the children will design their own planet and write to inform the reader about the unique animals and environment that exist there. Writing from the perspective of an explorer, worker, or documentary presenter, they will use rich description and scientific detail to bring their creations to life. The SPAG focus across both units will include the use of parenthesis, clauses, conjunctions, expanded noun phrases, and adverbials to enhance the quality and precision of their writing.

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Netball – This unit will develop teamwork, coordination, and spatial awareness.
Fitness – The children will develop stamina, strength, speed, and resilience through a variety of challenging circuits.

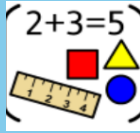
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The children will use My Happy Mind to explore how their brains help them regulate emotions, make good choices, build character, and develop confidence and self-esteem.

	Details	Days Handed Out	Days Handed Back In
Reading Homework	Essential homework which should be completed as a minimum of three times a week.	Monday	Monday
Spellings	Essential homework where children will learn their spellings each week for a weekly test.	Monday	Monday
Times Tables	Essential homework where children will learn their times tables and complete on Times Tables Rockstars.	Monday	Monday
Maths and English Homework	Extension homework alternating each week between maths and English. Maths will be on 'My Maths' learning platform. English homework will be stuck in to the children's exercise books. Maths will be given feedback through 'My Maths' website.	Monday	Monday
Project Homework	Extension homework which includes one task to be completed as a minimum - the tasks may include maths, English or another subject. Children will have half a term to complete this homework.	Monday	Monday

Maths



The children will build on their understanding of multiplication and division, explore multiples, factors, and primes, before moving on to compare, convert, and order a range of fractions.

There is a continual focus on reasoning and applying their mathematical knowledge to solve problems.

Science



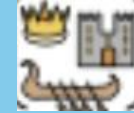
The children will be learning about *Space* and there will be a focus on the overarching question: WHAT IS EARTH'S ADDRESS IN SPACE?

Children will have three knowledge blocks:

Knowledge Block 1: Our Solar System

Knowledge Block 2: What else is in the Solar System?

History



The children will take a brief look at early ancient civilisations, gaining an overview of how they developed and influenced the world. This will prepare them to study Ancient Egypt and Ancient Greece in greater depth during the spring term.

Religious Education



The overarching theme is *Faith*, and the children will explore the Nativity story in detail. They will learn about The Annunciation and understand its importance to Christians.

Art & Design



The children will explore the work of Peter Thorpe, creating space-themed artwork inspired by his style. They will link this to their English and Science units on space and exploration.

Computing



The children will continue to enhance their coding skills using the program Scratch. They will learn how to design and create their own code, gaining hands-on experience.

Music



The children will explore Kandinsky's links to music through his synaesthesia within our 'Order to Disorder' unit. They will learn the rules of music, experiment by breaking them, and compose their own piece on the glockenspiel.

Design



Technology

The children will be making a 'Winter Soup' where they will learn valuable skills to help them prepare ingredients safely and hygienically.

French



The children will learn French shopping vocabulary, focusing on clothes. They will role-play buying and selling, describe items, give opinions, form sentences and short paragraphs, and practise clear pronunciation.