



Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term. We hope you all had a good break! We have a busy and exciting half-term planned with the lead up to Christmas time.

During the colder and wetter months, it is important that your child comes to school every day with a warm, waterproof coat with a hood that is clearly named. Children must also wear the appropriate school shoes with their school uniform - trainers are only to be worn on PE days. If your child cycles to school and wears trainers, please ensure that they bring their school shoes to change into upon arrival at school.

Topic **Stargazers**

Science

We will describe the movement of the Earth, and other planets, relative to the Sun in the solar system. We will describe the Sun, Earth and Moon as approximately spherical bodies and use the idea of the Earth's rotation to explain day and night, and the apparent movement of the Sun across the sky. We will learn about the movement of the Moon relative to the Earth.



History

We will describe how a significant individual or movement has influenced the world. We will 'meet' Galileo Galilei, hailed as the 'father' of modern observational astronomy. Find out about his life and work and his discovery of sunspots on the Sun, and explain why this discovery was so significant and controversial at the time. We will find out how Sir Isaac Newton's observations led to his theories on the universal force of gravity! We will debate John F. Kennedy's speech of 1962. What does this tell us about America's attitude to the 1960s Space Race? Why were they so determined to succeed? We will learn that 'The Space Race' was a competition between the Soviet Union (USSR) and the United States (US) for supremacy in space exploration. This included the launching of artificial satellites, spaceflight and manned voyages to the Moon.

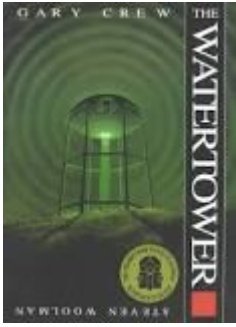
Geography

We will use a range of aerial images of the Earth to identify geographical features such as countries, continents, volcanoes, rivers and impact craters. We will refer to globes and maps to make their identifications.

Art & design

We will be finding out about, analysing and emulating the works of Impressionists, Expressionist and Surrealist painters. We will develop mastery of art and design techniques, including drawing and painting.

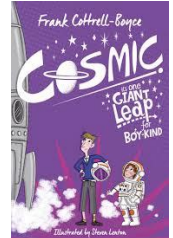
English



In English, we begin the unnerving, eerie journey into 'The Watertower' by Gary Crew. We will be studying how the author creates suspense. We will explore the following skills:

- Expand noun phrases using modifying adjectives and adverbs.
 - Describe a setting and atmosphere.
 - Use a range of verbs, plural nouns, prepositions or adverbials to begin sentences.
 - Plan and organise ideas.
 - Propose changes to enhance effects and clarify meaning.
- Ask questions about what I have read.
 - Draw inferences backed up by evidence from the text.

Our second book for the term is *Cosmic*. We have been reading this book as our Guided Reading text and in the weeks leading up to Christmas, we will be using it as a writing stimulus. The children will be learning to write speech that is correctly punctuated, and they will be learning about modal verbs. We will also be consolidating our grammar learning from the term ready for our final write.



Maths

In Maths, we are completing our work on multiplying and will be moving on to learning about fractions. We will be learning to convert fractions and to add and subtract fractions.

PE

Year 5 P.E. days are on, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Year 5 will be continuing with swimming on Wednesday, please make sure your child comes to school with the following named items; swimming hat, goggles, towel and one-piece swimming costume/trunks.

RE

We will explore what it means to be a Muslim in Britain today. The children will extend their learning about Muslim beliefs about God, the Prophet and the Holy Qur'an. They will find out about Muslim sources of authority and how they guide daily living for believers. They will learn about the Five Pillars, festivals, and places of worship. Pupils will also spend time finding out about the lived experience of Muslims in Britain today.

PSHE (Personal, Social, Health, Education)

Our focus this half term is 'Friendships'. The children will learn about the importance of including others, the traits of positive and respectful relationships, bullying and its impact and they will learn to challenge stereotypes!

Music

In music this half term the children will be working on their Christmas carol service songs.

Useful Websites

Maths - <https://nrich.maths.org/>

Spelling - <https://www.spellingshed.com/en-gb/index.html>

Topic - <https://spaceplace.nasa.gov/>

Homework

The children will continue to bring home weekly times tables and spellings. Please ensure that the children bring their folders into school every Monday.

Diary Dates:

Year 5A Class Assembly	Friday 22 nd November 9am followed by a Book Look in class
Swimming PJ Day!	Wednesday 27 th November
Deco Days	Thursday 28 th / Friday 29 th November
PTA Christmas Fayre	Saturday 30 th November
Year 5B Class Assembly	Friday 6 th December 9am followed by a Book Look in class
KS2 Carol Concert	Wednesday 11 th December 6pm
Year 5 and 6 Christmas Party - Ice Skating!	Wednesday 18 th December

We look forward to a busy and enjoyable second half of the Autumn Term.

Thank you in advance for your support this year,
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