



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. On other days trainers should be black.

## Topic **Stargazers**

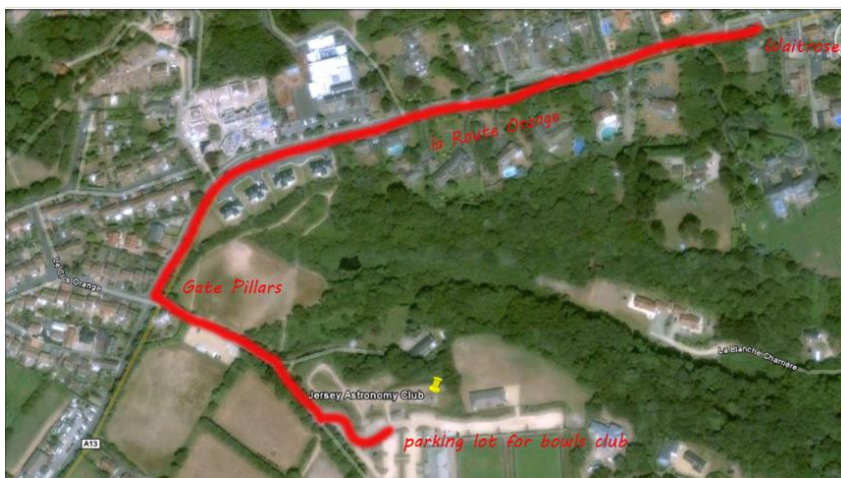
### Science

We are very lucky that we have been offered the opportunity to visit Hautlieu School to learn about space. The Hautlieu staff will be supporting the children's learning with VR headsets and showing them their telescopes. 5A will visit on, Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> Nov and 5B on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> Nov.



In class 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.

We have also arranged for a visit from Neil Mahrer from the Jersey Astronomy Club to come into the school and talk to the children about space and the equipment the club uses to observe it. He will visit on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November and there will then be the opportunity for children to visit the club at Les Creux that evening between 5.30 - 7.00pm. Although Mrs Price-Bramble and Ms Taylor will be there, children should not be left unattended and therefore parents must accompany them into the dome. As it only holds a small group at a time you may need to wait for a free space. Please see a map of how to find it below:



## **Diary Dates:**

Hautlieu Visit 5A	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> November
Hautlieu Visit 5B	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> November
Observatory visit	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> November anytime between 5:30pm-7pm
Deco Days	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> / Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November
PTA Christmas Fayre	Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas Service	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas Party Day	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December (TBC)
Christmas Jumper Day	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December

## **Bikeability**

We now have the date for the next Bikeability course and it is not until the spring term so we will send out information closer the time. If you have been made aware that your child didn't pass the Level 1 course and you would like them to join the Level 2 course with their class in spring, please look on the Jersey Sport website and they will be offering Level 1 courses during the holidays.

## **Children in Need**

This year Children in Need is on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November. Year 5 and 6 will be planning activities next week in preparation and may need to bring in some equipment from home. They will then be running the stalls on Friday. It is a dress down day and children are encouraged to dress in spots with a yellow theme. We ask for a donation of £3 to be paid online to cover the non-uniform and activities.

## **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.

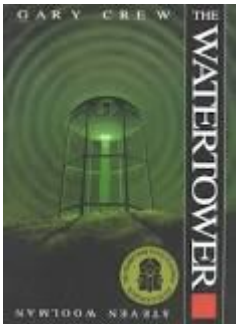
## **Geography**

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 Impressionist, Expressionist and Surrealist painters. We will develop art and design techniques, including drawing and painting.

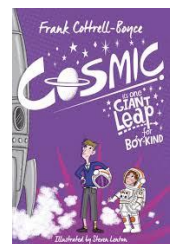
## English



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 and Thursday. Year 5 will be continuing with swimming on Wednesday, so please can you make sure your child comes to school with the following named items; swimming hat, goggles, towel and one-piece swimming costume/trunks. There may be times where the minibus is unavailable and the weather is not on our side, so please make sure your child also has an appropriate coat on these days.

## 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 looking at article 34 - I have the right not to be touched in ways that make me feel uncomfortable, unsafe or sad. We will look at identifying what physical touch is acceptable, unacceptable, wanted or unwanted in different situations *and* how to ask for, give and not give permission for physical contact. How it feels in a person's mind and body when they are uncomfortable and how to respond to unwanted or unacceptable physical contact *and* that it is never someone's fault if they have experienced unacceptable contact *and* whom to tell if they are concerned about unwanted physical contact.

## 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://rollama.com/login/>

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

### **Homework**

The children will continue to bring home weekly spellings, a reading comprehension and are expected to practice times tables on TTRS. Please ensure that the children bring their folders into school every Monday.

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

Thank you in advance for your support this year,  
Mrs Price-Bramble and Ms Taylor

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