

Year 5 Curriculum Update

February 2025

Values: Simplicity and Fairness

The children have taken this term on with enthusiasm, and it has been lovely to see so many of them taking on new challenges and experiences with courage and excitement.

'Mission Control'

The term has started off with a blast as we launched into learning about space. As scientists, the children have been exploring the different planets and how the Earth, Moon and Sun move in relation to each other. As writers, the children have written some superb double-page spreads about the different types of Full Moon, which they have found very interesting. As designers, the class have built and attempted to launch a rocket, and we hope to have another attempt at this soon.



We have explored the movement of Earth in relation to the Sun by checking how our shadows change during the day and noticing the position of the Sun in the sky.



How can you help at home?

We are not able to observe the night's sky at school so if there is any opportunity for your children to do some star gazing or observe the skies at night, in the evening or in the morning, please allow them and encourage them to do so. What awe and wonder can they see? There are also apps that you can download that will map the skies for them and show them the stars, constellations and planet positions. The children may also be able to keep a track on the rare seven-planet alignment that will be visible in the early night sky in February.

Homework & 40 reads

This continues to be the same with regular games on TT Rockstars and Spelling Shed. Daily reading, which must be recorded in their school diaries, and an occasional research homework - the children will be responsible for recording this in their diaries.



Dates for the diary

Alternate Monday's will be Forest School.

PE day: Tuesday and Friday.

Mon 10th Feb – Residential Week – details have been sent via Parentmail.

Weds 5th March – Egyptian Museum visit – all details have been sent via Parentmail.

Young Voices

The children have had a wonderful time at Young Voices. It was excellent to hear their stories about the songs, their experience and the atmosphere during this wonderful opportunity.



Cheerleading

As part of their PE lessons, the children have been doing cheerleading. The children have been stretching to improve their flexibility; tumbling to demonstrate agility and power; and they are working on the gymnastics balances and shapes that we are also doing in school.



If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to make contact with me but we also love to hear about the successes and great things your children are doing too.

Kind regards, Mrs Lee and the Year 5 Team