



This Term...

Our new topic in Year 5 is “Stargazers”

Journey through space – the final frontier!
Let’s take a trip to the stars, planets and suns and discover the amazing wonders of the night sky.

During this half term, we’ll read information texts to find out about the Solar System and the Sun, using mnemonics to help us remember the facts.

We’ll make a Solar System and investigate the cycle of day into night. We’ll learn about Galileo, the ‘father’ of modern astronomy and his famous astronomical discoveries. Taking on the roles of the planets, we’ll use movement to demonstrate the motions of the planets and moons.



At the end of the project, we’ll look at alien-themed comics, invent our own aliens and consider the big question: why is there life on Earth?

Our new topic in Year 6 is “Frozen Kingdoms”

In the Frozen Kingdoms project, we will learn about the regions of the Arctic and Antarctic.

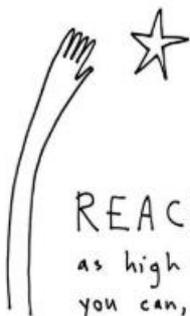
We will learn about the similarities and differences between these two regions, including the climate, landscape and natural resources. They will learn how to use grid references, lines of latitude and longitude, contour lines and symbols to identify the geographical locations of the Arctic and Antarctic.

They will investigate polar oceans to learn how they differ from other oceans on Earth and how climate change increases Earth’s temperature and leads to rising sea levels.



They will also learn about classifying animals, animal adaptations and evolution, and polar exploration and discovery.

Thought of the term...



REACH
as high as
you can, and
then reach a
little higher.
There you will
find magic and
possibility.

Dates for your diary:

5th January – School opens Term 3
9th – 12th February – Year 5 School of Rock at Abbeyfield
11th February – End of Term 3
21st February – School Closed (Training day)
22nd February – School opens Term 4

Knowledge Organisers

Don’t forget to look at our Knowledge Organisers for key information about our new topics. A paper copy has been sent home and electronic copies will be on our school website and our Facebook page.

Reminders

Reading - We encourage all parents/carers to read three times a week with their children at home to further develop their child’s reading skills. Please remember to record this in your child’s Reading Record. In Year 6 some of the more advanced books are from the Young Adult section. If you have any concerns about your child’s reading book please speak to their class teacher.

Homework –Children receive a piece of writing homework each week. Please ensure your child completes this.

TTRS – It is beneficial for all children to regularly play on TTRS at home to improve their recall of times tables and the related division facts.

