

Year 5/6

Spring 1 2023

Space



As Writers we will:

Explore 3 different text types this half term, including: explanation texts, non-chronological reports and discursive texts. This is the first time this year looking at Explanation texts, so we will explore the features first before planning and writing our texts based on astronauts in space. Our narratives will be based on Earth and Space and our discursive text will link to our SMSC unit—morals—should animals be sent for testing in space?

As Readers we will:

Be reading books based on space, including a variety of non-fiction texts. We will explore the features and begin recording information from the texts in a variety of ways. We will continue to develop our reading stamina when reading aloud in classes and look at retrieving information from different text types.

As Mathematicians we will:

Continue developing our multiplication and division and fractions knowledge in Year 5, by exploring different written methods and begin learning how to multiply and divide fractions. In Year 6, we will consolidate our written methods for multiplication and division, before moving onto our 'fractions, decimals and percentages' unit. Here we will look at the methods and knowledge needed to be able to convert from one unit to another.

As Scientists we will:

Be exploring Earth and Space, which links to our topic. We will have a trip towards the end of the unit to consolidate our learning throughout the half term. We will be exploring the solar system and all of the planets and will be able to describe the movement of the Earth and other planets, relative to the sun in the solar system. We will also be exploring the Earth's rotation to help us understand day and night.

As Geographers we will:

Learning about and applying our locational knowledge. We will have a focus on the United Kingdom and build on our previous learning from KS1 and look at the human and physical features in greater depth.

As Physical Educators we will:

Learn the skills needed to play handball. We will also develop our flexibility and strength through gymnastics. Belmont Class will be swimming this half term!

As ICT Technicians we will:

Be using Purple Mash to learn how to create adventure stories. We will explore the different features that we can include and create our own stories based on Aliens in Space.

As Artists we will:

Explore a variety of textiles and make a space-themed collage inspired by Peter Thorpe.

As Spanish Speakers we will:

Develop our knowledge of 'family' from Year 3/4 and begin putting key words into short, spoken phrases and written work.

As Musicians we will:

Use Naxos Music Box and explore the space unit. Beaulieu will be taught how to use Garage Band by an outside provider.

As Theologists we will:

Explore a variety of Holy Books and Stories and learn about the morals and messages that these stories are portraying.