



Year Five News

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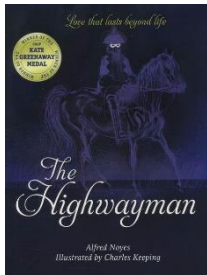
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It's not rocket science!

This half term, year 5 continue their topic of space and delve deeper into the science behind forces and rockets. Our artwork will be inspired by the varying nature of the planets, and we will explore the meaning of bravery and the role of people at the forefront of science.

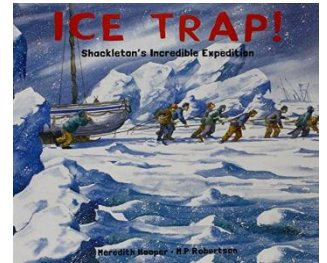
Mayhill Habit

Each half term has a different Mayhill Habit which the children will enquire into, develop a deeper understanding of and be able to explain how they are able to apply this habit into their own learning and life. This half-term's habit of focus is **CRITICAL THINKING**, and the children will find out what this means and how they can put it into practice in their own lives.



English

We will be looking at the poem 'The Highwayman' by Alfred Noyes. For this, we will be writing love letters based on the book and exploring the feelings inferred by the characters' actions. For our second text we will look at the story of Ernest Shackleton's amazing adventure in the heroic age of Antarctic exploration in the book 'Ice Trap' by Meredith Hooper. We will be using this to write a non-fiction survival guide.



Maths

We will be continuing the unit we started before half term- addition and subtraction- and will be focusing on formal methods to solve problems, mental strategies and rounding to estimate the answer to a problem. This unit will also be incorporating our place value knowledge of number comparison and understanding numbers up to one million.

After addition and subtraction, we will be moving onto graphs and tables and then multiplication and division. This unit will be focusing on multiples and factors of a number, multiplying and dividing by powers of 10, and formal methods of multiplication and division. This unit will be heavily reliant of a knowledge and understanding of their times tables and related division facts.

**INDEPENDENCE
COMMUNICATION**

**CRITICAL THINKING
RESILIENCE**

**COLLABORATION
RESPECT**

Please support your child by ensuring they complete their maths homework each week and encouraging them to log on to Times Tables Rock Stars for regular times tables practice.

Science

Our scientific focus will still be on Space and forces which will see us investigating our Solar system and learning about the forces of gravity, friction, air and water resistance. Prominent people such as Sir Isaac Newton and astronauts from the moon landings will help us investigate our theme 'Bravery and Courage'. This will be leading into our art, where we will be creating some mixed media solar systems which reflect the different compositions of the planets.



PE/Games

Children have two PE sessions each week, with each session lasting an hour – including changing time. It is really important that children have their kit in school on these days. As the weather is now getting wetter and cooler please ensure that your child has black or navy blue tracksuit bottoms in their kit and a **non-hooded** sweatshirt (not their school jumper).

- **Activity 1: Monday afternoon – Netball**
- **Activity 2: Wednesday afternoon – OAA**

We therefore ask for your support in encouraging your child to bring their PE kit home everyone Friday for washing.



Homework

Each week your child will have reading, times tables (TTRS) and spellings to complete at home. Alongside these tasks, each Wednesday a Maths and English SPAG (Spelling, punctuation and grammar) weekly workout will be set which is due in the following Monday.

We are all very much looking forward to an exciting half-term. If you have any questions or comments about your child's learning, do send a note in or come and speak to us, on the playground.

Kind regards,

The Year Five Teachers
Mrs Robson and Mrs Allen

Dates for the diary:

November

10th History Day (Dress up is encouraged)

27th - 1st Stubbington Residential

December

7th – listen to me concert 2.30pm
parents invited in

7th / 8th Secrets Room

13th Rocksteady Concert 2pm

14th - Christmas lunch, Jumper Day and
Carol service at church (No parents)

15th - End of term awards assembly
9am

January

2nd INSET

3rd Back to school