

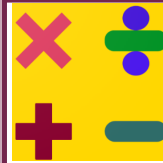


# Year 5: Spring 2: Space Exploration

## What's our focus this term?

Our next unit will take place over both this half-term and Summer 1, as we embark on our space exploration! The children will begin their English learning with a whole school text before moving on to the exhilarating story of Hidden Figures.

We will also be building on our Spring 1 work on forces in science by welcoming educators from the Winchester Science Museum to deliver a series of workshops to further the children's understanding of this topic. Please see the second page of this newsletter for more information in this.



To help your child make excellent progress, we will continue to send home the orange books this half-term. These will be sent out on a Friday and are due back the following Thursday. Our teachers then work with your child during the week on any misconceptions that they have. Thank you for your continued support.

## Spring 2 (6 weeks): Space Exploration

Stimulus: Hidden Figures

History and Geography: Space Race

English text: Unspoken (whole school text)/ Hidden Figures

Class reader: Blackberry Blue/ Robot Girl

Fluency Project: Orion Lost

Computing: Scratch  
RE: Faith

PSHE: Community

French: Birthdays and Food

Science: Forces (Winchester Science Centre)

Indoor PE: Yoga

Outdoor PE: Tennis

DT: Space Mission patches

## KEY DATES

- 4th March: World Book Day
- 10th March: Colour Run (Holi celebration)
- 24th March: House event (Brain Battle)
- 29th March: Talavera Treat
- 31st March: Annual reports to parents
- 31st March: Last day of term
- 17th April: First day back for children
- 17th April: Purple Up day



We will also be holding a Bronze, Silver, Gold assembly. We hope to be able to invite you to this - watch this space!

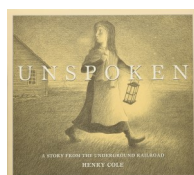
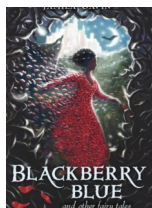
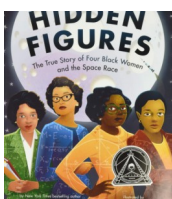
## HOMework

The children worked extremely hard last half term with their homework: we were especially impressed with the effort that went into their Victorian homework and we thank you for all the support.

Just a reminder that in year 5, homework consists of a weekly Mathematics (orange books) and an English task (paper sheet). Both are set on a Thursday and due in the following Thursday.

5 'rule breakers' or tricky words will be set on a Monday and children know to record these to take home for extra practise. We also ask that you continue to practise times tables recall with your children regularly and continue to use TT Rockstars.

Have a sneak peak into some of the exciting texts we'll be reading this half term across our core and foundation topics.





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## Winchester Science Museum

We have been invited to take part in a very exciting project by Winchester Science Museum. Over the course of the next half-term, educators from the museum will visit Talavera to deliver a series of workshops on the topic of forces. The aim of the project is to help children to understand the nature of forces, and then to apply them to a project with real-life applications. For us, this will be how to encourage environmentally-friendly space exploration.



The workshops are completely free and will take place in-school, during school hours.

After the workshops have been completed, your child will have the chance to take part in a competition to create an exploration method. This will be judged by members of the STEM community in an external competition.



Following on from this exciting project, we will then be visiting Winchester Science Museum in the Summer 1 term. This will include a tour, a trip to the observatory and the chance to get to know more about everything that has excited us! We cannot wait!

## Talavera Smart uniform reminders:

At Talavera we continue to have high expectations for school uniform. Please ensure your child is following the correct dress code in line with our uniform policy,

Please see below some key reminders:

- Children are only permitted to wear one pair of earring **which must be studs**. These must be removed or tape provided on PE days.
- Children should be wearing black school trousers/ skirt/ dress daily. **Leggings and jogging bottoms are not permitted**.
- Children should wear a white polo shirt which is different from their PE top.
- Nail polish and temporary tattoos must be removed before coming to school.
- Hair which is shoulder length or longer must be tied up.
- A red cardigan or jumper should be worn in school. **Hoodies are not part of the uniform policy**.
- Your child needs to wear plain, black shoes.

## Online safety

Please make sure that you are continuing to support your child's online safety by ensuring you are aware of the content that they are consuming online. If you have any questions about how to keep your child safe, please talk to their class teacher.

Please also monitor their use of apps such as WhatsApp to ensure that conversations are appropriate and safe.

We thank you so much for your continued hard work to keep your child safe in an ever-changing online world.

