



# Year 5 - Spring 2: Adventures Amongst The Stars

## What's our focus this half 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. They will also explore satellites in interactive workshops run by Winchester Science Centre.



## Hampton Court Palace— Friday 6th March

As a reminder, our trip to Hampton Court Palace to learn about the Tudor monarchy is on Friday 6th March. Please ensure your child comes to school with a packed lunch, water bottle, coat and trainers.

## Spring 2 (5 weeks): Space Exploration

Stimulus: Hidden Figures  
History: Treacherous Tudors  
English text: Hidden Figures/Curiosity  
Class reader: Blackberry Blue/ Robot Girl  
Fluency Project: Orion Lost

Computing: Data and Information  
RE: Faith  
PSHE: Community  
French: Birthdays and Food  
Science: Winchester Science Centre workshops

Outdoor PE 1: Basketball  
Outdoor PE 2: Tag Rugby  
DT: Sewing—stuffed toy

## KEY DATES:

**W/C 23rd February:** Additional parent evenings (selected children)

**Wednesday 25th February:** Year 5 Toast tuck shop at break

**Thursday 5th March:** World Book Day (Dress-up as a word)

**Friday 6th March:** Hampton Court Palace trip

**Thursday 19th March:** Talavera Treat (selected children)

**Tuesday 24th March:** Annual reports to parents

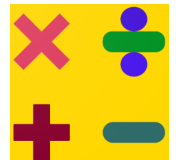
**Thursday 26th March:** Non-uniform day and ice pop sale

**Friday 27th March:** INSET DAY

**Monday 13th April:** First day of Summer term

## HOMWORK

The children have got off to a good start with their homework but please be aware that we will now be ensuring that there is always completed as part of their preparation for year 6.

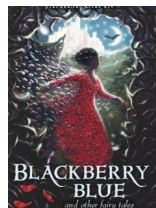
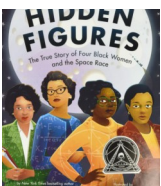


To help your child make excellent progress, we will continue to send home the orange maths books this half-term. Once handed in and marked, their teacher will then work with your child during the week on any misconceptions that they have. Thank you for your continued support.

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.

Finally, we ask that you ensure they are reading either a school book or a book from home **at least 3 times per week** and completing their reading record.

Have a sneak peak into some of the exciting texts we'll be reading this half term!



## Online Safety



### Google Family Link Guide

Controls & settings guide

As a school, we understand the challenges facing parents in regards to ensuring your child remains safe online.

The most important way of safeguarding your child online is through open and honest dialogue with your child regarding their internet usage.

In addition to this, family link provide a free platform for parents to manage app access, set parental controls and oversee their children screen time and online usage. Use the link or QR code to develop your understanding of how it works and how to set it up.

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## UNIFORM

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 earrings **which must be studs**. These **must be removed or covered with 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 (not trainers).



Also, a reminder that as a school we do offer access to second-hand uniform. This is available throughout the year on request at the office.

This has been such a valuable resource for many families. However, to keep it a success we need donations. Donations of unneeded or outgrown uniform can be brought into the office or given to Miss Coombs at any point in the year. Please also remember if you are experiencing any difficulties with uniform including providing adequate coats and/or shoes that you speak to your child's class teacher or a member of office staff. We will always do what we can to help.