

How can you help your child?

Reading

Reading regularly with your child is invaluable. This includes questioning your child on what they have read. We expect the children to read at home at least three times a week.

Times tables

Year 5 is the time for children to develop a rapid recall of all the times tables and related division facts. If your child needs practise with this, then you may want to focus on recalling a particular times table each week to build their confidence.

Visit the classroom

You are welcome to come into the class to see your child's book and share in their learning when you collect them after school. We would love to see you!

Dates for your diary

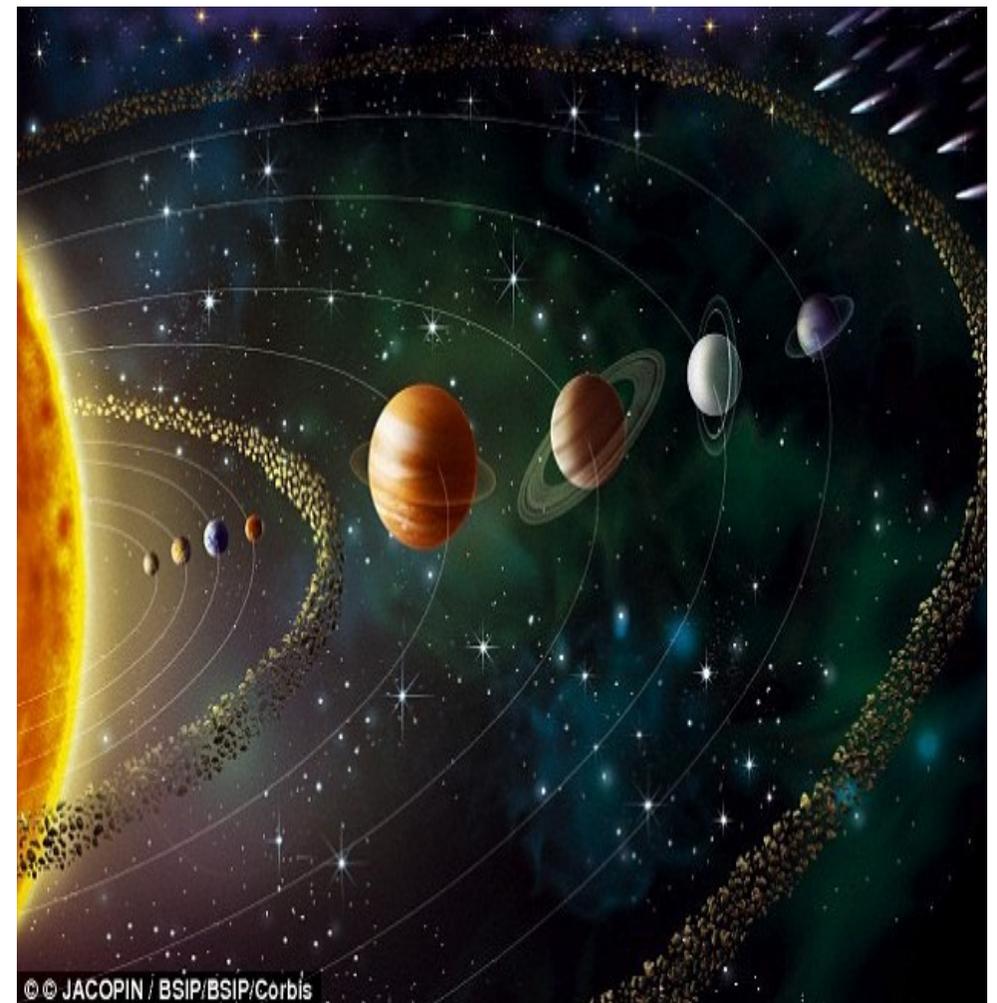
Harvest service - Details to follow

Last day of term - October 18th

TD day - Monday 30th October

Back to school - Tuesday 31st October

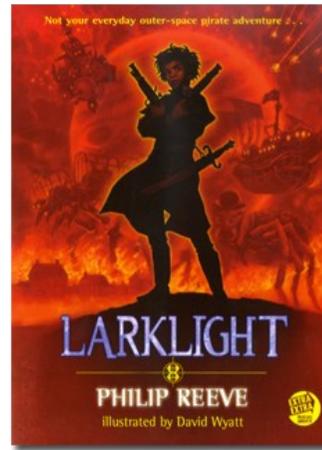
Year 5 Up, Up and Away



English

This term our Up, Up and Away topic will be launching year 5 into space. We will begin our English lessons with a narrative unit based around the short Pixar film *La Luna*, before embarking on the exciting novel *Larklight* by Phillip Reeve. During these lessons the children will be writing detailed and imaginative settings and character descriptions followed by writing their own mini- space adventure.

Our grammar focus this term will be on fronted adverbials and inverted commas for speech.



Maths

Children will begin to understand place value of the digits up to 1,000,000. They will add and subtract numbers with more than 4 digits and will begin work on multiplication. Fraction work will involve comparing, ordering and finding equivalents.

History

We will be researching early flight inventions, before learning about Neil Armstrong landing on the moon in 1969. We will link this topic to our information writing in English at the end of term.



Science

Lessons will develop children's knowledge of our solar system. In particular, they will be naming the planets and describing their movement in relation to the sun. They will also go on to learn about how the Earth's rotation explains night and day. To support your child at home with this understanding you could visit <http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zkbbkqt>

Other lessons

ART— Making a galaxy planet scene with pastels, marbling and printing
PE — creating and combining dance phrases for a space dance
RE — Sikhism beliefs and worship practises
Music — Appreciating and understanding classical music focussing on The Planet Suite by Gustav Holst
PSHE — understanding our rights and responsibilities in our learning environment

