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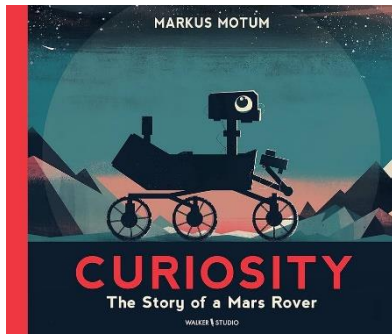
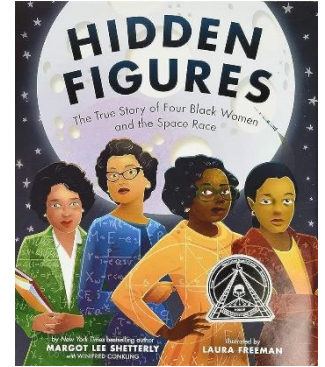
## Year 5 Topic Letter – Spring Term 2025

January 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our topic this term is 'Reach for the Stars'. We will be learning about key events and important developments in the fields of space.

In history, we will learn about how humans have explored space. We will zoom in on events like the moon landing, the space race and the missions of rovers. Drawing insights from the book 'Hidden Figures', we will examine the challenges individuals have faced in this field. We will also discuss the ethical aspects of sending animals into space.

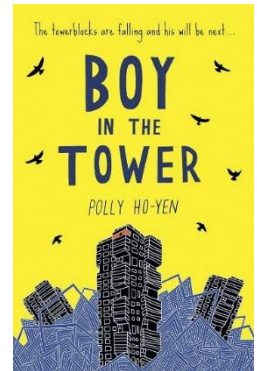


In English, we will be analysing space-themed poetry and writing our own poems about space. Next, we will read the book 'Curiosity,' which tells the tale of a Mars rover. Inspired by this, we will draft proposals for our own rovers, describe the planet Mars, and write a newspaper article. We will also make our own rovers out of junk material. Then, we will explore astronauts' roles and the qualifications needed, we will research an astronaut and write a biography. Finally, drawing from their understanding of various planets, the children will invent their own and write a story.

In reading, we will be reading 'Boy in the Tower' as a whole class in addition to guided reading.

In science, our focus this term is Earth and Space: the solar system, the Earth's rotation and how this results in day, night and seasons. We will learn the phases of the moon: what they are and how they occur.

As part of our Geography, we will look at how the constellations have been used for navigation throughout history. We will also conduct fieldwork to observe, measure, and document both human and physical features in our local area.



In R.E, we will be learning about why Muhammad and the Qur'an are important to Muslim people. We will also be learning about what different religions say about animals.

In art, we will explore various styles, including expressionism and neo-expressionism. Children will have the opportunity to create their own artwork inspired by specific artists. Additionally, we'll examine the works of street artists and engage in a debate about whether graffiti should be considered art and write a balanced argument.

In maths, we will follow the National Curriculum, focusing on:

- Fractions
- Multiplication and division
- Decimals



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- Percentages
- Perimeter and area
- Statistics

Knowing their times tables facts up to 12 x 12 is invaluable. Please continue to support their learning of their times tables at home and encourage them to go on to Times Table Rock stars for 5 minutes 4-5 times a week.

We will continue to have trumpets and trombones lessons every Thursday morning. Please remind your child to bring their instrument to school every Thursday and to practise regularly at home.

In P.E. children will continue to develop athletics skills in games sessions with Coach Keeley on Mondays. On Wednesdays this term, Year 5 will have a PE session with Arsenal coaches. Please ensure your child wears appropriate clothes and trainers.

The children will have the opportunity to read every day in school, so they should ensure they bring in a suitable reading book and their reading diary every day. Reading diaries must be written in and signed 3 x a week. **Home learning will be given out on a Friday and is due in the following week.** Your child should be able to complete their home learning independently.

## Important dates:

Date TBC: Trip to CLC

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January: Science Museum

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January: Open Morning

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February: Internet Safety Day

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February: Class Tea

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February: Class Assembly

March 3<sup>rd</sup> – March 7<sup>th</sup>: Book Week

March 26<sup>th</sup>-March 27<sup>th</sup>: Parent Meetings

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March: Google HQ

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April: Music Assembly

If you would like to discuss anything with me, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school email [admin@fleet.camden.sch.uk](mailto:admin@fleet.camden.sch.uk). Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

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