

Spring 1 Class News Y5



Key information for parents and carers

Date: Monday 6th January 2026

This half term, our learning will be centred around the exciting theme of **Space**! Year 5 will be exploring the wonders of space by studying different aspects of our solar system across **History, English and Science**. This cross-curricular approach will help deepen understanding and spark curiosity as pupils make meaningful connections between subjects.

English

During this half term, we will continue to develop our reading skills with a focus on **retrieval and inference** during our whole-class guided reading sessions. In English lessons, we will also be building on our writing skills by developing our knowledge of a range of grammatical features to make our work more engaging and interesting.

This half term, we will be reading *Hidden Figures*, where we will learn about the incredible women who played a vital role in the development of space travel as we

know it today. We will explore the characters in depth and write by putting ourselves in their shoes. This is an exciting and inspiring writing unit, and I'm sure your child will really enjoy it.

Important dates:

W/C 26th January

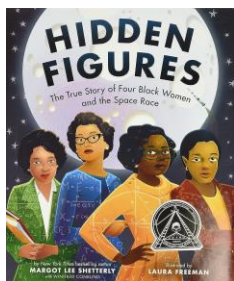
VR workshop

30th January

Young Voices

13th February

Planetarium visitor



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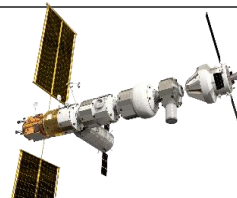
PE

PE days are

Jackdaws -Monday and Wednesdays

Sparrowhawks – Tuesday and Wednesdays

(Please check with the class teacher for your child's class days) On these days your child needs to bring a PE kit into school. A Rivelin PE kit is a white t-shirt, black shorts and trainers/plimsoles.



Memorable Moment

The planetarium visit is the highlight of Spring 1 in Year 5. Sitting beneath the vast, glowing dome, we will explore planets, stars, and distant galaxies, making our science lessons come to life.

Learning about the solar system will feel exciting and real, and everyone will be amazed by the moving images and fascinating facts. It will be an unforgettable experience that inspires our curiosity about space.

Maths

In maths, we will continue to develop our understanding of fractions over the next few weeks, building confidence with key concepts and problem-solving skills, before moving on to the second part of our multiplication and division unit later in the term.

Key things to do at home!

Remember to **read with your child** as often as possible. Your child will be sent home regularly with a reading book and reading record. Please sign the reading record each time your child reads.

TT Rockstars logins are available from class teachers. Also please **practise weekly spellings** with your child.