

Spring two in Year 5



English

This half term, we'll be studying *The Darkest Dark* by Chris Hadfield. This book is about a young boy who's scared of the dark and learns to be brave after getting excited about space. By the end of the unit, our goal is to write a formal biography about Chris Hadfield.

We are reading...



Science

To prepare, we'll focus on using a variety of verb forms correctly and consistently, using commas to clarify meaning and avoid ambiguity, linking ideas across paragraphs using adverbials, and using brackets, dashes or commas to indicate parenthesis.

This term in science, we'll be learning about Earth and Space. We'll explore the Sun, Moon, and planets, find out how day and night and the seasons happen, and learn about gravity and orbits. Through fun, hands-on activities, Year 5 will discover how Earth fits into the solar system and how space affects life on our planet.

Maths

We will be following the White Rose Maths programme of study, carrying on with our learning of decimals and percentages. Then we will move on to perimeter and area followed by statistics. We will explore, measure and compare different shapes as well as collecting and representing data in statistics.

Other information

- PE will be on a Wednesday and Thursday so please ensure children are wearing the correct PE kit.
- Homework will be set every Friday and due in the following Wednesday.

Reading

For this half term, we will be carrying on with reading *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio. This book follows the inspiring story of August Pullman, a boy with a facial difference, as he navigates his first year at a mainstream school. This novel explores themes of kindness, acceptance, and empathy, teaching children the importance of embracing differences.

