



Year 5 News

17th January 2025



What we've been learning recently

English – We have been excited to start a new English unit on non-narrative persuasive writing, inspired by *Hidden Figures*. We've begun exploring key vocabulary and themes from the story of four Black women who contributed to the space race despite adversity. The children will develop skills in writing persuasive letters and newspaper reports, while also deepening their understanding of perseverance and equality.

Maths - In maths, we've been mastering long multiplication, starting with four-digit by one-digit problems and gradually progressing to four-digit by two-digit calculations. The children have approached these challenges with enthusiasm, steadily improving their accuracy. This week, we've shifted our focus to division, exploring it as the inverse of multiplication and building on the skills we've already developed. Just a reminder to keep on practising your times tables at home, it really does make such a difference!

Wider Curriculum – Our science focus has been on forces and Newton's theory of gravity, where we've investigated the forces acting on objects. This learning sets the stage for our next exciting topic: Space!

Over the next fortnight we will be ...

- We will continue our exploration of *Hidden Figures*, working on creating newspaper reports to deepen our understanding of the text.
- As we wrap up our unit on multiplication and division, we will begin exploring fractions, starting with multiplying both unit and non-unit fractions by an integer.
- We are excited to embark on our new science unit all about space, and we can't wait to dive into this fascinating topic!

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Important Notices

PE Kit - A reminder that our PE day is on Monday for this half-term. The children will have Pro 20 teaching them football. Please ensure your child wears their correct PE kit for every lesson.

PPA day change - From the week commencing 13th January, Miss Johnston is now out of class every other Tuesday and Mrs Callaghan every other Wednesday. The children will be taught by Mrs Cassidy who they have all experienced an introductory session with.

Year 5 Assembly – Save the date: 09:00 Thursday 30th January

Shining Stars

Congratulations to our Shining Stars from the last two weeks for demonstrating our school values.

5B – Millie, Kaiden, Lowen, Daisy

5W – Lily, Albie, Aisling, Matthew