



# Above & Beyond

## Year 5

### Term 2, 2025-26



### This Term

We begin our brand new topic titled 'Above and Beyond', which has consistently proven to be one of our most popular topics in year 5. This topic is centred around space and how it links to humanity. We explore the history of space travel, the latest technologies and enjoy delving into searching questions about our place in the universe.

### Maths

During this term, Y5 will be working on multiplication and division. We will be looking at vocabulary such as: multiple, factor, product, square number and cube number. This will all then lead towards applying these facts and skills to real-world problems.



Rapid recall of multiplication facts continues to be a high priority and to support at home, we encourage pupils to increase their recall speed using the TT Rockstars program.

### English

During this term, Y5 will be working with a range of themed texts with a particular focus on 'Armstrong: The Adventurous Journey of a Mouse to the Moon'. The children will be learning the difference between writing formally and informally, resulting in a written newspaper article and a press conference.

In Reading, we're covering 'Goldfish Boy', by Lisa Thompson.

Our grammar focus will be on the use of high-level vocabulary and skilfully-controlled sentence construction.

### Science

We'll be looking at gravity and how it's the weakest fundamental force, yet the most important force in the universe. We'll be learning about the different orbits in our Solar System and the concept of how a day/month/year changes between planets. We've booked a school visit from the planetarium people and are super excited to give the children this experience.

### Reading at Home

We are continuing to promote a love of reading across the Academy and would appreciate your support with this, ensuring that you and your child are reading widely and regularly; exposure to a range of different text types will really boost their performance.

We would like home reading to take place at least 3 times a week (the more the better!). Please record home reading in your child's yellow reading book.

### Curriculum

In geography, the children will learn how to read maps and navigate using a compass, working with maps, statistics and facts on a larger scale.

In RE we will be continuing to learn about Abrahamic religions and what worship looks like to different communities.

In computing, we will be looking at controlling data chips and physical media using programming.

In art we will be studying the artist Ellen Lanyon, discovering what it takes to make a successful living in the arts.

### Key Messages

- PE: Wednesdays - hockey (outdoor kit/clothing)
- Parent join-in reading session - 26th Nov 2:30pm.
- Parent curriculum join-in session: Date TBC
- Parent appointments 2nd & 3rd Nov.
- Bikeability (for those who've applied) - WB 8th December.
- School closed 5th December - staff training.

