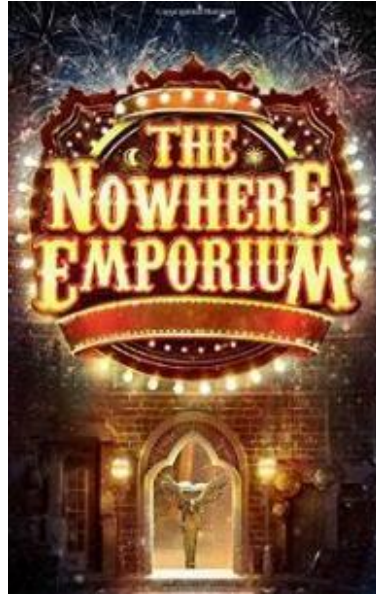


What's happening in Year Five

During this half term, our exciting theme is
'Space'

During Guided Reading, we will be reading 'The Nowhere Emporium' by Ross Mackenzie. This magical portal story will take us on a mysterious adventure through time and place and keep us guessing until the very last chapter!



In Maths, our focus will be on decimal fractions, this will include comparing & ordering decimals & fractions and calculating fractions of amounts.

As part of our homework in Year 5, every child is expected to read for 30 minutes, each and every day (This can be spread throughout the day to take advantage of moments of free time). Everyone, should be bringing a reading book home with them each day, from either the school library or the class book corner.

We will be visiting Cosham library again this half-term, and this will increase the access the children have to great literature. We have also improved our school library and have lots of new exciting books that the children can borrow. In addition to this, all children have access to the E-library, so that they can explore even more texts.

Children can evidence this reading by completing AR quizzes, or for texts that are not on AR, by completing a good quality book review, alternative book cover & blurb, a fabulous character description or completing a bespoke quiz set by their teacher. Please encourage your child to speak to Mrs Felstead or Mr Magnus if they read anything at home or school that isn't quizzable.



At the end of the Winter, Spring and Summer term, it would be amazing to see Year 5 widely represented at the special 'Reading Award' assemblies and to see them achieve their bronze, silver and gold reading awards.

The link to AR is below; you may be asked to put in an **ID code** - this is **RP-17187959**.

Link - [Accelerated Reader Quizzes](#)

'What's out there?'

As part of our Art and Design curriculum, we will be creating our own special space art, with a focus on using colour mixing to engineer new and exciting tones. These skills form the basis of our examination of 'Retro Futurism' as an artistic style.

In English, we will be exploring David Bowie's iconic song 'Space Oddity'. This piece of music, offers us an exciting narrative about the journey of Major Tom into the unknown. By interrupting Major Tom's adventure, we will use our imagination and creativity to craft a story ending for Tom.

In Science, the children will be learning about our solar system. This will include studying the heliocentric model, the different planets and how they move through space, as well as the cycles of the moon.

In French, we will be learning to describe our home environments and continuing to be able to talk about ourselves and our surroundings.

Children need to bring their PE kit (red t-shirt and black shorts; tracksuits can be worn in colder weather) to school each Monday. Please ensure it is **ALL NAMED** clearly. They will leave this at school over the week, and will bring it home for washing on Fridays. They also need a pair of labelled wellington boots, in a carrier bag, to leave in school for Forest school sessions.