

Journey Into The Unknown

Space & Around The World In 80 Days

Year 5 Summer Term 2026



Key texts used this half term:

Laika the space dog – the first hero in outer space by Jeni Wittrock
Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo



The writing opportunities this term will include:

- A diary from two perspectives
- Report writing based on the moon landing
- Persuasive letters between the two characters from Kensuke's Kingdom – Michael and Kensuke
- An explanation text on how to stay safe on a desert island.



Within History, key learning will be:

- The space race
- The lunar landing



Within Geography, key learning will be:

- Map work, plotting a route around the world
- Plotting countries around the world
- Exploring physical features around the world
- Considering environmental impact of transport



Within Science, key learning will be:

Earth, Sun and Moon including -

- Day and night, apparent movement of the sun across the sky, world time zones
- Relative sizes of the Sun, Earth and Moon, phases of the moon, The Solar System
- Living things and their habitat
- Life cycles of plants and animals
- Describe the changes as humans develop to old age



Within Maths, we will be following the programmes of study from the National Curriculum.

Opportunities for applying mathematical skills including reasoning will be given throughout the maths learning.

The Art focus will be exploring the works of Peter Thorpe including choice of colour pallet, pastels, layering, textures and marbling.



Within DT, we will design, make and evaluate rainbow sushi. There will also be a STEM unit using LEGO Spike Essential – Crazy Carnival Games.



Other curriculum areas:

RE: Christianity – What is the greatest significance of the Eucharist for Christians? RE week will be learning about Buddhism - How did Buddha teach his followers to find enlightenment?

RSHE: Changing me, Challenge yourself and online safety.

Computing: Blogging, online safety and researching computing pioneer Katherine Johnson.

PE: Athletics, Tennis and Swimming.

MFL: Continuing to develop our French speaking and listening skills using Rigolo.

Music: Introducing chords & words, meaning and expression.