



Date: 8/10/21

Year Group: 5

English

This week we started our new text, Apollo 13. On Monday, we joined a BBC live lesson, with Brian Cox, and on Tuesday we took part in astronaut training. We even ate food just like the astronauts eat! This helped us start to think about what it is really like to be an astronaut getting ready for a space mission, to add realism to our writing.

Maths

This week we have been using the column method to subtract numbers with 4 digits, and more than 4 digits! We needed this skill as we started to work on using inverse operations to check answers and find missing numbers. We will be continuing with this next week.

How you can help at home:

- The expectation that children read to an adult at least 3x a week is still in place, please ensure you are prioritising this. We do check the children's reading diaries. We want to continue to instil a love of reading within the children. Please do take the time to listen to your child read as much as possible, they really do love it (many time we have children busting in to say how much they loved reading to an adult the night before). We appreciate this may be difficult to achieve every day, as many times as you can will be much appreciated.
- Please continue reminding your children to practice spellings on EdShed. 2 of the Y5 classes made the top 3 this week. It would be great if all of the Y5 classes took the top 3 spots!
- The top TTRockstars class was also in Y5 this week! The Y6s looked quite cross about that, so will be chasing the top spot next week. Keep up the good work to keep the trophy in Y5! TTRockstars is a great way for children learn their times tables, which they will need more and more as they continue their learning journey.

Book Recommendations:



The biography of real-life NASA mathematician Katherine Johnson will inspire and amaze. Featured in the recent film Hidden Voices, Johnson was one of the most important people in the history of space travel. In 1969 history was made when the first humans stepped on the moon. Back on earth, one woman was running the numbers that ensured they got there and back in one piece. Without her calculations, Neil Armstrong never would have walked on the Moon. Discover her incredible life story in this beautifully illustrated book complete with narrative biography, timelines and facts.

Why does Mrs Boerder recommend this book?

We have been learning about Katherine's life and work as part of our Shared Reading work this week. I love reading biographies, so this was an ideal chance to learn more about this amazing woman. As a child, Katherine Johnson loved maths, like me. I like the way she followed her dreams, despite working in an environment where she didn't always feel welcome. This is a wonderful non-fiction book. The layout of the book is fun, with lots of pictures, and lots of extra information.

Non Negotiables:

'Everybody, every day' - Reading with your child every night and signing their diary.

Practise times tables including the division facts. Use Times Tables Rock Stars or any other method to practice. Your practice is paying off! Keep in contact with us using Class Dojo. Complete Working in Harmony booklet.

Have a good weekend.