

A MESSAGE FROM YEAR FIVE



Throughout this short half term, the children in Year 5 have been filled with excitement as they delved into the wonders of space. They researched the planets and amazed us with the breadth of their new knowledge and fascinating facts. Did you know that it takes Saturn 29 years to orbit the sun?

At the beginning of the term, inspired by the sculptor Alexander Calder, who created the first mobile incorporating movement and space, our budding artists unleashed their imaginations by crafting mesmerising space mobiles using recycled materials. The classrooms now boast a celestial display that celebrates both creativity and sustainability.

Our class reader, *The Story of the Blue Planet*, has enabled us to explore important themes such as climate change and equality. The book has also inspired our writing, including a wonderful narrative about an alien landing on Mars and, more recently, a persuasive letter. Ask your child why the nail should be removed from the sun; they are very passionate about this!

In maths, the children have been developing their multiplication skills with enthusiasm and determination. Through learning about factors, multiples, squared numbers and prime numbers, they are building a strong foundation in this essential area, which supports them in solving real-world mathematical problems.

To round off the half term, we embarked on an exciting trip to the Space Observatory in Herstmonceux. This fantastic experience allowed the children to gain hands-on knowledge, explore two observatory pods and their telescopes, use robotic arms like astronauts in space, and enjoy an exciting science show. The trip ignited a passion for space and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.



... The Year 5 Team

