

Dates for your diary:

**8th September** - Residential meeting for Y6 Parents

**2nd October** - Harvest Festival church service

**9 - 13th October** Residential

**10th October** - Henley Literary Festival for Year 5  
(Journeys of Empire)

**24th October** - INSET Day

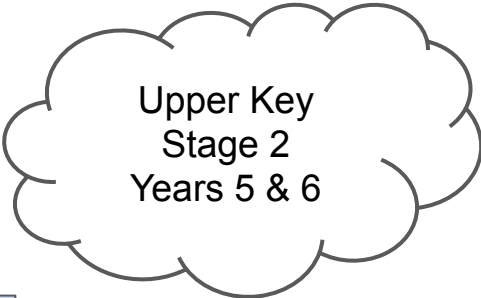
# Curriculum Newsletter - Autumn 1 2025

## Learning Means The World

Our theme this term is **Mission Control**, which invites pupils to step into the shoes of astronauts, astronomers, and scientists. They will investigate the solar system, exploring the movement of planets, the role of gravity, and how orbits work. Alongside this, children will research the lives of famous astronauts and the history of space exploration. Through creative projects, they will paint/design their own planets and imagine what it would be like to train for space travel!

## English

Our writing will be inspired by the novel '*Cosmic*' by Frank Cottrell-Boyce. The children will be challenged to write with flair and precision, using complex sentences to structure their ideas effectively. They will explore the power of vocabulary by selecting impactful adjectives and will learn how to extend their writing with relative clauses. To create atmosphere, pupils can challenge themselves to use pathetic fallacy!



Upper Key  
Stage 2  
Years 5 & 6

## RE

This term, the children will explore "*What does it mean to live a good life?*". They will study ideas from philosophers (Socrates, Aristotle, etc), alongside teachings from major world religions and Humanism, to understand how different worldviews shape the choices people make. Through discussion and reflection, pupils will consider their own values and what influences the way they live their lives.

## Maths

In maths, our focus will be on shape. The children will revisit and extend their knowledge of both 2D and 3D shapes, learning to describe and classify them using precise mathematical language. They will explore properties such as angles, symmetry, regular/irregular polygons, as well as nets of 3D shapes. Building on this, pupils will use problem-solving and reasoning skills to apply their knowledge to real-life contexts. Then we will move onto our place value unit.

## PE

The children's PE sessions will be led by sports coaches from Performance Sports and MNR. Sports topics have not yet been confirmed, but days are as follows;

Palmer PE - Monday & Tuesday

Zephaniah PE - Monday & Thursday

Rundell PE - Monday & Tuesday

## Reminders

**Forest School** Starts 8th October ! Please keep an eye out for an email from Mrs Chilvers and please volunteer to help out!

Palmer - Monday

Zephaniah - Tuesday

Rundell - Thursday

If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher via the class e-mails;

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