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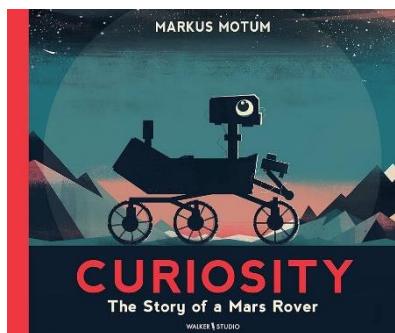
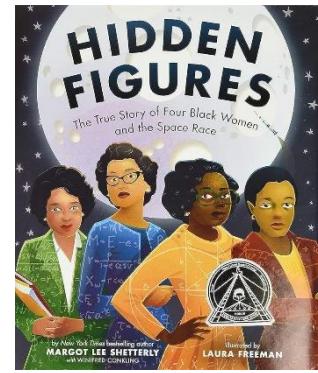
## Year 5 Topic Letter – Spring Term 2026

January 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

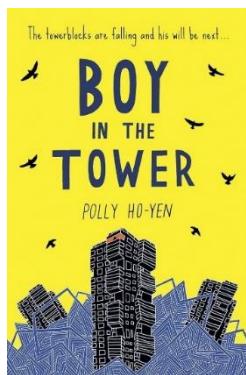
Our topic this term is 'Reach for the Stars'. We will be learning about key events and important developments in the fields of space.

In history, we will learn about how humans have explored space. We will zoom in on events like the moon landing, the space race and the missions of rovers. Drawing insights from the book 'Hidden Figures', we will examine the challenges individuals have faced in this field. We will also discuss the ethical aspects of sending animals into space.



In English, we will be analysing space-themed poetry and writing our own poems about space. Next, we will read the book 'Curiosity,' which tells the tale of a Mars rover. We will explore astronauts' roles, research and write a biography about the life and achievements of Mae Jemison. Finally, children will create their own invented planet which will provide the setting for their own sci-fi story.

In reading, we will be reading 'Boy in the Tower' as a whole class in addition to guided reading.



In science, our focus this term is Earth and Space: the solar system, the Earth's rotation and how this results in day, night and seasons. We will learn the phases of the moon: what they are and how they occur. In the second half of the term, our science focus is 'Forces'. We will explore friction, gravity, air resistance and water resistance.

As part of our Geography, we will look at how the constellations have been used for navigation throughout history. We will also conduct fieldwork to observe, measure, and document both human and physical features in our local area.

In R.E, we will be learning about why Muhammad and the Qur'an are important to Muslim people. We will also be learning about what different religions say about animals.

In art, we will explore various styles, including expressionism and neo-expressionism. Children will have the opportunity to create their own artwork inspired by specific artists. Additionally, we'll examine the works of street artists and engage in a debate about whether graffiti should be considered art and write a balanced argument.

In maths, we will follow the National Curriculum, focusing on:

- Fractions
- Multiplication and division
- Decimals
- Percentages



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- Perimeter and area
- Statistics

Knowing their times tables facts up to  $12 \times 12$  is invaluable. Please continue to support their learning of their times tables at home and encourage them to go on to Times Table Rock stars for 5 minutes 4-5 times a week.

We will continue to have trumpets and trombones lessons every Thursday morning. Please remind your child to bring their instrument to school every Thursday and to practise regularly at home.

In P.E. children will continue to develop athletics skills in games sessions with Coach Keeley on Mondays. We will be swimming every afternoon between 6<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> January. In the second half of the term, we will be doing football outside every Wednesday.

The children will have the opportunity to read every day in school, so they should ensure they bring in a suitable reading book every day. Reading diaries must be written in and signed 3 times a week which will be checked every Friday. Home learning will be given out on a Friday and is due in the following week. Your child should be able to complete their home learning independently.

## Important dates:

*Swimming – 6<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> January*

*Solar System Webinar – 13<sup>th</sup> January*

*Everyone's Invited Workshops – 19<sup>th</sup> Jan, 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb, 24<sup>th</sup> Feb, 17<sup>th</sup> March*

*Trip to the Lightroom – 26<sup>th</sup> January*

*Maths Open Morning – 29<sup>th</sup> January*

*CPR and Defib training – 10<sup>th</sup> February*

*Class assembly – 13<sup>th</sup> February*

*Book week – 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> March*

*World Book Day – 5<sup>th</sup> March*

*Trip to the Science Museum – 13<sup>th</sup> March*

*Parent Meetings – 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> March*

If you would like to discuss anything with me, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school email [admin@fleet.camden.sch.uk](mailto:admin@fleet.camden.sch.uk). Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

Kat Grant



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