Year 5 Topic Snapshot – Amazing Advances

This topic is all about the advances – progress and developments – that have been made in humankind's understanding of Space and in artistic styles over time. We will learn about the Solar System and Space travel as well as looking at how art styles have changed and creating our own pieces.



Key space vocabulary:

1. Advance: to make progress, an improvement or development. 'Our understanding of the Moon has advanced – we know more about it

2. Astronomy: The area of science that studies outer space, the universe and everything in it, such as planets, stars and asteroids (lumps of rock and metal in space).

3. Orbit: The invisible path an object in space takes around a star or planet.

4. Satellite: A natural or artificial (man-made) object that is in orbit around a planet.

5. Solar System: This consists of the Sun and all the objects that orbit around it including the planets, asteroids, comets, and other objects.

Art key terms and vocabulary:

1. Colour – not just 'red' or 'green'! Are they warm or cold? Do they complement each other (go well together) or contrast (clash with each other)?

2. Line – Long or short? Heavy or soft? Dark or light? Straight or curved? Precise or relaxed? Horizontal, vertical or diagonal? One direction or many? Variety or all the same?

3. Texture – This refers to what a piece feels like although in 2D art it means what it *looks like* it feels like! How is the illusion of texture created using lines, colours, shapes and tones?





