



We have had another packed two weeks! The children have continued to settle brilliantly and adjust to the new routines of year 5.

We have been exploring rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000 and now we are starting on our addition and subtraction unit with a focus on both mental and formal written methods. In English we have begun a new unit where the children will be writing the opening of an exciting space narrative.

Computing

In computing the children are learning to use iPads to take videos; considering different ways to film using close up, mid-range, long shots and using different angles.

RSHE

So far this half-term, the children have learnt about gender identity and stereotypes and the strategies for keeping safe on line.

Test Week

This week, the children have been taking their Autumn Pixl tests. These are really useful for us to assess what they know and the areas of learning to focus on going forward.

The children have all worked really hard in their tests and should be proud of their efforts.

Homework Expectations

- **Reading** - at least four times a week
- **Spelling Shed** x 30 minutes
- **Maths** - TTRockstars/(Numbots) x 30

Upcoming Events/Topics

18th and 19th October Parents Evenings

W.c. 30th October - 'Positive Potions' (*Harry Potter* themed)

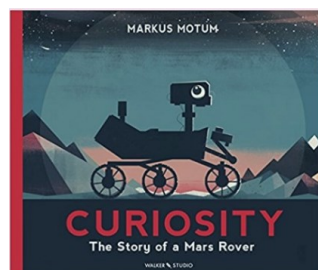
W.c. 13th November - 'How did England Become England?' (*Anglo Saxons and Vikings*)

15th - 18th December - *What message did the angels bring?* (*Religion and Worldviews*)

Intergalactic Investigators

We have continued our investigation of the Solar System, learning about gravity and its affect on the Earth. We measured the weight and mass of different objects. Mass is measured in kilograms (kg) and weight is measured in Newtons (N).

We have explored and investigated different forces including air resistance and water resistance. We listened to a story about the Mars Rover 'Curiosity' and then conducted our first



scientific investigation to answer the question :

'If we change the size of the parachute what will happen to the time it takes to fall to the ground?'

Having made parachutes of different sizes, we conducted 'fair tests' considering the variables to change or keep the same and wrote predictions about the outcomes of our investigation.

