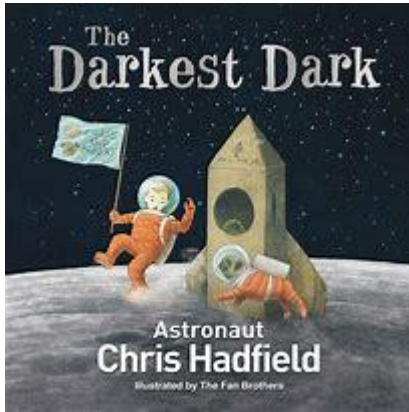


Year 5 - Spring

It's been another busy term in Year 5!

English



One of the books we studied this term was *The Darkest Dark* by Chris Hadfield. We learned about his life as an astronaut and discovered how he was afraid of the dark as a child. Despite this, his resilience and determination meant that he never gave up on his dream. Inspired by his story, we developed our writing skills by learning how to create more interesting sentences using **parentheses**, focusing on writing about the moon landing in 1969.

Maths

This term, we completed our work on decimals and percentages and learned how to calculate the area and perimeter of both regular and compound shapes. We also enjoyed playing a range of maths games, which helped to develop and strengthen our mental maths skills.



Geography

This term, we completed our geographical skills and fieldwork unit. We learned how to use grid references to locate places on a map and understand that these symbols represent both human and physical features found on maps.

History

This term, we completed our local history study of Victorian Leigh. We enjoyed learning about the industrialisation of the town and discovering what daily life was like for workers in the cotton mills and coal mines. We also explored the legacy of James Brindley, a canal pioneer, and learned how the development of the Bridgewater Canal connected Leigh to other industrial cities in the North of England, allowing trade in coal and cotton to flourish.





PSHE

Our PSHE topic this term was *Growing Up*. We enjoyed working with a visitor from HH Kids, where we learned important facts about smoking and alcohol and explored the impact these substances can have on our bodies. We also discussed peer pressure and learned strategies to help us handle challenging situations we may face in the future.

Science

We have been learning about Earth and Space, and we have found the topic incredibly fascinating. We discovered that the Sun is at the centre of our solar system and that all the planets orbit around it. We also learned that it takes our planet 365 days to complete one full journey around the Sun. In addition, we explored the different phases of the Moon and learned how it changes shape as it waxes and wanes.



Residential

Year 5 had a fantastic three days at Brathay Hall in Ambleside, where they took part in a range of exciting activities, including canoeing, ghyll scrambling, mountain hiking and bushcraft. We had an amazing time, challenged ourselves, and created memories that will last a lifetime.



Well done on another fantastic term Y5 - have a lovely Easter.