

Our Values

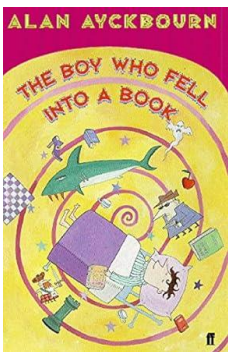
Respect, Kindness, Resilience,
Integrity, Honesty and Trust



Our Rules

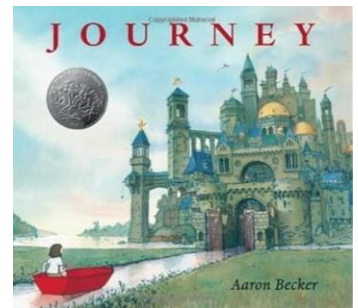
- Do our best
- Be respectful
- Be safe
- Be kind
- Be ready

Year 5's Newsletter Autumn 2 2025



In **Destination Reader**, we have been reading the fantastic book - *The Boy Who Fell Into a Book* by Alan Ayckbourn. It is written in the style of a play script and we used this knowledge to support our understanding of the text. During our lessons, we have focused on the key skills of reading as well as changing our voices to match the way we think each character would speak.

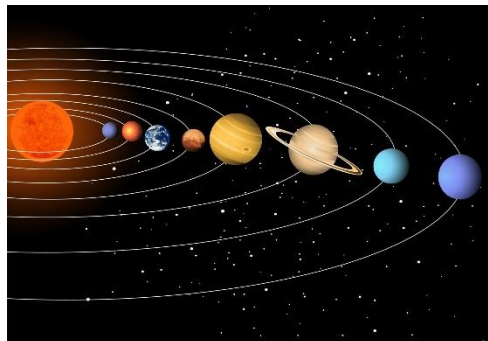
In **Literacy**, we have been learning about fictional narratives based on a journey. Children have been learning to write in first person by imagining they are the character and writing in role, including writing as the main character in the classic book *Journey* by Aaron Becker. We have also focused on story mountains, which detail the different stages of a story.



We had the amazing experience of going to the Lollies - an awards event for the funniest books of the year - where we got to meet a host of celebrated children's authors! We also got to immerse ourselves in the story of Titanic with live action performances and amazing exhibits. But perhaps most incredible of all, some of our children appeared on BBC Breakfast on Monday 15th December and the rest on the Science Museum's YouTube channel meeting British astronaut, Tim Peake!



In **Maths**, we have been focusing on fractions. We have been simplifying, comparing, ordering and finding equivalent fractions before going on to add and subtract them. The children are now also familiar with improper fractions and mixed numbers ahead of moving onto more complex operations and calculations next term.



In **Science**, we are learning about Earth and Space. We learned about our solar system, made papier mache planets, created sundials, created moon cycle dials and even designed our own planets.

In **Geography**, we have been learning about where our food and clothes come from. We have thought about how our school uniform can come from such a faraway country and how the fruits we eat might not be grown in the UK because they are off-season.

Many thanks to all parents for helping your child prepare for our Christmas Carol performances. The children did magnificently to learn the words and routines and did a great job either with a song in another language or rapping the nativity story. Many thanks also to those who were able to attend and see the results of their efforts.



Reading with your child every day is very important. Children should read for **30-45 minutes each day** at home. Although a handful of children have been reaching/exceeding their targets, many are falling behind and so we need a bigger push both at home and at school to get back on track. This is especially important in the lead-up to their SATs next year as reading a variety of books regularly and taking quizzes is essential to their reading comprehension skills and a good indicator of whether they will reach the expected level in SATs.



Please also check to see if any Holmleigh books have been left in children's rooms or elsewhere at home and return them as many seem to have gone missing.

Homework will be given on **Friday** and should be returned by the following **Wednesday**. We encourage you to **support your child** in completing their homework, but please **allow them to do the work independently**. If your child is struggling to complete the homework, please speak to us.