



ASHURST CE AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL



Spring Term 2023

Years 5 & 6

'Is there anybody out there?'

This term our topic is called 'Is there anybody out there? We will be learning about the Sun, Moon, Earth and planets in our Solar System. Our Science-based topic will deepen our understanding of the world around us and develop our questioning skills to investigate further. We will also spend some time learning about how space exploration has developed throughout history, including focussing on life in the 1960s and the Moon landing. Part of our learning will involve learning about the life of Katherine Johnson and her role in the Apollo 13 project. Our trip to the South Downs Planetarium will enable us to learn more about the Solar System and learn from the experts there. We will get to watch a colourful display in the auditorium, see presentations from astronomy experts and even find out what comets look like.

In English, we will be focusing on creative writing and improving our skills in extended descriptive pieces based on the picture book 'Beegu' by Alexis Deacon and Darwin's Dragons by Lindsay Galvin.

Our Maths learning will focus on coordinates, shape, time, measures and will continue to develop our understanding of number and the number system and problem solving.

In Music, linked to our Science work, we will be listening to, and discussing, Holst's 'The Planet Suite', before composing our own piece of music for 'Planet Earth'. We will also be learning to play the recorder.

In French, we will be exploring and developing vocabulary, talking about our family and when we get dressed.

In RE we will be looking in more depth at Hinduism.

Our PE learning will focus on gymnastics, netball and hockey.