



# West Ham Church School

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## Upper Key Stage 2

Weekly News Page

Spring 1, Week 5

5th February 2021

### DT Day: Chinese New Year

On Friday 12th February 2021, we will be having a DT day full of creative fun to celebrate Chinese New Year.

UKS2 will be designing and creating kites - a Chinese invention - thinking carefully about their frames and making sure that they are fit for purpose. Each child will receive a pack of materials and there will be live lessons throughout the day to help them with their creations.



**Year 5 Wildcats Class** ~ Mrs West with Miss Nso

**Years 5/6 Kingfishers Class** ~ Miss Shaw - Phase Leader, Miss Pandya and Mr Forster

**Year 6 Eagles Class** ~ Miss Nemeth, Miss Begum, Mrs Aziz and Ms Ridgley

### Country of the Week

Last week's 'Country of the Week' entries were fantastic - it was great to read so much information about France!



The new country of the week is **China**.

Children should find out information about China and present it in a really creative and engaging way. There will be time to present their work towards the end of the week and be in with a chance of becoming Class Geographer.

### Virtual Karate Club

Sensei Laura will be offering a virtual karate after-school club

**Wednesday 3:30 - 4:15**

This is for all children in years 5&6. Please join using the link on Google Classroom.



### Next Week's Timetable

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:45	Online registration Ebooks	Online registration Reading	Online registration First News	Online registration Maths Activity	Online registration Reading
9:10	Assembly & Collective Worship	Assembly & Collective Worship	Assembly & Collective Worship	Assembly & Collective Worship	Assembly & Collective Worship
9:30	English - Grammar	English	English Spellings	English	DT Day - Design
10:30	Break				
11:00	Maths	Maths	Maths	Arithmetic 11:30-12:00 French	DT Day - Make
12:00-1:00	Lunch				
1:00	Science	1:15-2:00 PE	History/ Geography Karate: Wildcats 1:15-1:45 Kingfishers 1:45-2:15 Eagles: 2:15-2:45	Wildcats - Art Kingfishers/Eagles - RE	DT Day - Make/Evaluate
2:00	2:30 Physical Activity	2:00-2:45 Music		Dance with Kick London	
3:00	Storytime				



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Curriculum Page



## Maths

- Recapping metric units of measure: *m, cm, m and km/ml, l*
- Converting between different metric measurements
- Understanding imperial measures: *miles, feet and inches*

## English

- Understanding and using tenses correctly
- Recapping features of a newspaper report
- Write a newspaper report about the Perseverance rover landing on Mars

- Science: Life on Mars
- History: Mexico comparison with UK
- RE: What can Christians learn from Jesus' teachings?
- Computing: Scratch coding - animating objects
- French: Discussing my family using J'ai/Je n'ai pas
- Art: Stained glass window project - drawing with proportion
- PSHE: Celebrating difference - being unique

### Year 5 Spellings

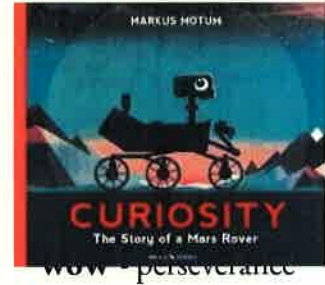
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### Year 6 Spellings

attached  
available  
average  
competition  
conscience  
controversy  
correspond  
embarrass  
especially  
exaggerate

## Focus text

We are reading  
Curiosity: Story of a Mars Rover



## Challenge Questions:

1. How can you tell that the team at NASA care about the rover? What details show their emotions through different stages of the mission.
2. What would you like to name the next Mars rover? Give reasons for your answer.

## Newham Libraries

**Ready Reads** – order a bag of books carefully selected by the library team. There are a range of books for adults and children available. Call your local library and they will prepare the bag for you. We would like to encourage incorporating this as part of your daily exercise, but there is also the option for delivery if you cannot leave your home. Please visit the website:

<https://www.newham.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/covid-19-council-parks-libraries-venues/1>

## Homework

### **Maths:**

- Practise arithmetic skills - dividing using short division
- Times Tables Rockstars: <https://play.ttrockstars.com/>

### **English:**

- Reading comprehension to identify the structure and language and the effect of a newspaper report
- Practise this week's spellings
- Read an ebook: Collins ebooks:  
<https://ebooks.collinsopenpage.com>

Please remember to use SATs Companion to support learning at home: <https://app.satscompanion.com/login>



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Celebration Page



## This week's Top Ten

1. Ryan
2. Zane
3. Markuss
4. Cagrihan
5. Jarif
6. Sahejveer
7. Aliyha
8. Shuraim
9. Wolodymyr
10. Manish

On this page, we would like to celebrate the children's achievements in and out of school so parents please do let us know if you are particularly pleased with something your child has achieved at home. We would like to recognise:

- ❖ Good behaviour
- ❖ Excellent attitude to learning
- ❖ Progress
- ❖ High quality work
- ❖ Awards



This week the award goes to:  
Livia for having a positive attitude, consistently participating in all her lessons and for not being afraid to make mistakes



**Kingfishers:** Ilyas for persevering and working hard in maths.

**Eagles:** Aasiyah for taking part in story time every day and reading with expression

**Wildcats:** Dominique for working hard and greeting everyone with a big smile.

## Mission to Mars Day - 1st February 2021

On Monday 1st February 2021, UKS2 went on a discovery mission to Mars. We had lots of cross-curricular projects and were visited by the Royal Observatory Greenwich who presented an incredible Planetarium show. The children were able to choose which planets they visited and were able to ask an astronomer lots of questions.

Please check the next page to see our amazing work!

### What did you learn?

I learnt that Milky Way has 400 billion stars. Alex

I learnt that in the centre of our galaxy there was a Black hole. Alexandru

I learnt that the moon doesn't produce light, it reflects! Nadia.

I learnt that we can only see the southern hemisphere of Neptune's biggest moon, Triton. Cagrihan Al

### What did you think?

I liked it because of how they explained it. Godbless

I really loved the session because she described all the planets in space really well and I got to learn more about space. Alex

I really liked it since I like space and they explained everything really well. Priyanka

I liked it so much! They explained so much, but not in a boring way. Nadia.



 ROYAL OBSERVATORY GREENWICH



**Kingfishers** - Inspired by Curiosity's mission to find life on Mars, we thought about what it would be like if humans could live on Mars. We designed houses to support human life on Mars thinking carefully about the criteria: oxygen, atmosphere and materials. The children also worked hard using objects around them to create their very own Mars rover - their creativity was incredible!

*Come to Our mars hotel*



Akshara's Mars hotel



Cagrihan's rover



Junk model rovers

**Eagles** really enjoyed their day. We completed different activities and found out lot of interesting facts about the red planet. During our virtual visit to the planetarium we learned that the temperature on Mars is very cold and why it is called the red planet. Have a go yourself at this fact or fiction question.

L.O: To understand what makes up the Solar system.

**THE SOLAR SYSTEM**

THE planets is one of the eight planets that travel around the sun Mercury is first in line to the sun all of the planets made of the sun which is actually a star

Our solar system is an exciting place full of planets moons asteroids stars dust and gas

**ROCKY PLANETS**

Mercury, Venus, Earth and Mars are the four rocky planets. They all have a solid surface and core out of all the rocky planets Mercury is the nearest to the sun

**GAS PLANETS**

Gas planets are made of hydrogen and helium. Gas planets are the furthest from the sun jupiter is the largest planet

I hope you found fun interesting facts about are solar system bye

Vera's research on the solar system

Q.4

**Fact or Fiction?**

Only one of these statements is true. Which is it?

1. Mars is very cold, the maximum temperature is  $-40^{\circ}\text{C}$ .
1. Mars is very cold, the maximum temperature is  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$ .
2. Mars is very hot, the maximum temperature is  $40^{\circ}\text{C}$ .



**Wildcats** enjoyed a day off timetable, enjoying science lessons on theories about space and phases of the moon, and watching BBC Bitesize clips. A highlight was a virtual visit to the planetarium, a music lesson based on Gustav Holt's 'The Planet Suite' and creating Scratch animations with our own sound effects.



Eddy's rocket



Dominique's rocket and solar system

