



# To Thorpe Hesley... And Beyond!

## Our Topic

We are so excited for our topic this term! We will begin by exploring the history of our local area and discussing changes over time. We will look at the geographical location of Thorpe Hesley and study maps to see how land use has changed. We will study local landmarks, such as Keppel's Column, and take a walk around our local area. We will compare our small village to towns and cities and draw on our knowledge of other cities around the world. We will then take our learning far beyond Thorpe Hesley, into space. Through science, we will study space and forces and in DT we will have a go at designing and making our own Moon Buggy! Our topic will be enhanced this term with a visit from the Space Dome. How exciting!

This term, we will be reading *Orion Lost* by Alistair Chisholm as our class text.

## PE

We ask that children have their full PE kit in school **at all times** and only take them home at the weekend and during holidays to be washed.

## Homework

In Year 5, we have high expectations with homework and expect it to be handed in on time and to a high standard. Children in Year 5 will be expected to:

- Regularly read at home. At least three times a week. Teachers will check the children's home school diary at the end of each week.
- Learn their weekly spellings to be given out on a Friday to be completed for the following Friday.
- Complete a weekly activity on Doodle Learning set by the class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support.

**The Year 5 Team**

History	In History, we will be exploring the local area and studying how it has changed over time. We will be looking at old census records to see how family dynamics have changed and maps to study how land use has changed.
Science	In Science, we will be learning about the planets in our solar system. We will also be learning about forces including gravity and how these prevent us from floating around!
DT	In DT, we will be designing and making our very own Moon Buggy using woodwork.
Art	In Art, we will be studying the famous painting 'Starry Night' by the wonderful Vincent Van Gogh. We will be practicing a range of painting techniques before creating our own masterpiece!
Computing	We will continue to follow our new scheme of work: systems and searching the internet.
PE	In PE will be focusing on dance and tennis for the first half term and hockey for the second half term.
Music	We will continue to follow our Sparkyard learning this term. We will be continuing to listen and appraise music as well as learning musical notation and how to read music.
Spanish	In Spanish we will be focusing on likes and dislikes, sports, hobbies, weather and pets.
RE	In RE we will further our understanding of Islam including a deepened understanding of The Five Pillars.
PSHCE	The term's PSHE focus on friendships and what they mean to us whilst equally considering how to have positive friendships.

## Creative Homework

Creative homework is optional, however, if you would like to complete some additional learning at home linked to our topic, we would encourage this. Please bring any projects into school so we can share these.

Here are some ideas to get you started but anything, so long as it is of a high quality and linked to our current topic. Be creative!

Design and/or make your own spaceship or rocket.	Create a model of our solar system.
Create a timeline of key events during the 'Space Race'.	Interview a relative about how they feel our local area has changed.
Sketch/paint/build a local landmark.	Imagine you have taken a trip to the moon. Write down your experience.