

As writers we will be will increasingly applying our knowledge of new phase five graphemes in our spelling choices, whilst practising our letter formation, cursive handwriting and tricky words.

Inspired by our topics we will be recalling stories, writing instructions and recipes, delving into information texts about space and exploring poetry.

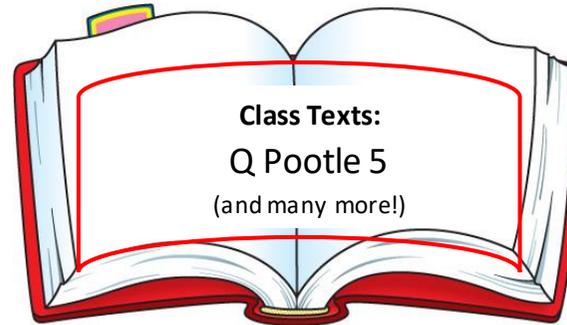
As readers we will be exploring space and nocturnal animals texts, sharing our fab facts and delighting in topical stories and poems. We have already read Q Pootle 5 and Whatever Next and will be reading lots more space themed stories!

We enjoy reading as a class, in guided groups and often 1:1 with an adult, but we still need to practise every day at home! Please do make sure reading books and planners are in school daily.

As mathematicians we will be exploring place value within 50, including ordering of numbers, thinking about greater than and less than as well as one more and one less. We will be looking at addition and subtraction within 50 and will use our knowledge of number bonds to 10 to help us with bonds to 20. We will also investigate shape!

As scientists we will be diving into space to learn all about the universe. We have already explored the moon and will this week investigate planets before looking at galaxies, astronuatns and more!

After half term we will begin our topic of 'Animals including Humans' with a focus on nocturnal animals.



As historians we will be zooming off to the moon with Neil Armstrong and to the International Space Station with Tim Peake. We will learn all about these amazing men and what it takes to be an astronaut.

As sports enthusiasts we will be developing our football and gymnastic skills.

As artists & designers we will be colour mixing and exploring the amazing work of Kandinsky. We will create our own planet themed Kandinsky art that is out of this world and explore galaxies with tie-dye! While learning about Tim Peake, we will look at the rocket capsule that returned him to Earth and we will design and test our own - light but strong enough to protect our egg astronauts!

As thinkers we will be thinking about 'Special Places'. We have started by thinking about places that are special us and why and have already enjoyed a visit from YoYo. We will make a trip to Holy Trinity this term too before exploring special places in other religions.

As geographers we will be becoming experts in using compasses and simple maps and finding our way by giving and following directions. We will be going out and about in our local area to put our skills to the test!

EXPERIENCE:

We will be receiving some very exciting visits this term! We will welcome the Planetarium and some very special feathery friends to Heworth

Links to school values:

ENDURANCE: In Life Skills will explore our 'Dreams & Goals', thinking about what qualities we need to show to achieve them. We continue to celebrate **COMPASSION, TRUST** and **FORGIVENESS** as we work and play together in pairs and groups both in lessons and on the playground. We will also be learning about the choices we can make that keep our bodies and minds healthy.

Half Term Information:

Reading book changes: Books continue to be changed on **Monday** and **Thursday** mornings but please send books/planners in daily. **PE** is taught on a **Friday afternoon** but kit should be in school at all times. Please **tie long hair back**, send **socks** if your child wears tights and include **kit for colder weather**.