

Year 5- Autumn Term 2026

TO INFINITY AND BEYOND!

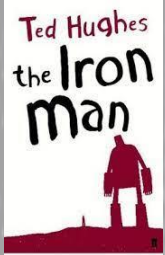
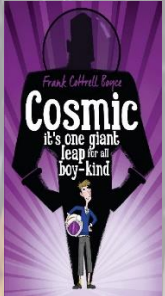
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 5 at Frinton Primary School! I am extremely excited to be your child's teacher for the next academic year, and I wanted to give you some background information about our first term together! When we return to school in September, our first context for learning will be 'To Infinity and Beyond!' We will be blasting off on our journey through the Autumn term as we explore Outer Space together.

Below is a brief overview of what we will be learning over the course of the term, accompanied with ideas and links that you can explore at home.

Subject	Outcome	Ideas for Home
English	Our book this term is 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes which is the basis for our reading hour and links greatly with our Space topic! We will be doing a study of Ted Hughes' poetry too! We will write a range of fiction and non-fiction texts including adventure stories, reports,	Read regularly at home, discussing questions about vocabulary and the effect a book has on the reader. Find and enjoy some poems by Ted Hughes.

	information texts, narrative short stories and discussion writing. Additionally, we will focus on the spelling rules and statutory word list for the year group.   Our class novel linked to reading for pleasure will be 'Cosmic' by Frank Cottrell-Boyce.	<u>Useful Websites:</u> Encourage your children to extend their learning by reading poetry, comic books, magazines etc, make sure their choices of reading books are challenging, help them to identify their weaknesses in terms of SPAG knowledge- look at http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english should help with this. Finally, regular trips to the local library will help your child further a love of books and reading.
Science	We have a lot of science to investigate this term! In Science we will be focusing on exploring outer Space. This links with our History Learning on the history of Space travel. We will begin by exploring the Solar System, moving onto looking at identifying different forces. We will be conducting a range of experiments to explore and observe a variety of forces and resistances.	Any basic knowledge of Space and the Solar System will prepare children for further study at school. As always, we will use the testing process of developing a question, prediction, testing and evaluating. Any real-life application of these skills will help the children to gain confidence. <u>Useful Websites:</u> www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize (select KS2) www.theschoolrun.com

History	In History this term we will be exploring the history of space travel. We will also be looking at important historical events such as the Space Race, investigating different sources to understand the importance and reasoning of these historical events.	BBC bitesize is an extremely useful website to help children build their knowledge on the history of Space and Space travel. (Search KS2) Any opportunity for children to look at the timeline of Space travel and any historical events linked to Space would be beneficial.
Geography	In Geography we will be looking at the wider context of Geographical locations by identifying continents, countries, seas and oceans etc on world maps. We will be learning about lines of longitude and latitude to identify places, and identifying countries which are situated on the equator or the tropics of Capricorn and Cancer.	Use google Earth to look at the shapes of countries from Space. Practicing the children's knowledge of human and physical features as well as their knowledge of continents, countries and capitals will help them to feel more confident.
Music	Mrs Minshull will continue to teach the children to read and sign music.	Listen to a range of music at home. Talk about what instruments you can hear and how the music makes you feel.
PE	This term our PE will focus on basketball, looking at the control of the ball and the rules and tactics of the game. We will move onto gymnastics through the term as the weather becomes colder.	Keep active at home when you can. If possible, walk, cycle or scoot to school instead of drive. Go on daily walks with your family if you can to keep active. <u>Useful Videos:</u> Cosmic Kids Yoga Joe Wicks Kids Workout
French	We will be learning multiples of five, asking and giving the time and then learning about French mealtimes and giving our opinions	Use the BBC website http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primarylanguages/french/ to play games which allow you to

	about different foods.	practice your French Watch French versions of stories you know on YouTube, this will introduce you to extra vocabulary in an easier way.
RE	This term in RE we will be focusing on the creation theories of different religions, creating our very own presentation about each theory.	Log onto BBC bitesize and research the creation theory of different religions.
Art / DT	In art, we will be researching Peter Thorpe and create our very own 'Space Art.' We will also be looking at Nebula Art and create our very own using a variety of techniques to create our artwork. In DT we will be looking at food eaten in Space as well as how to prepare food. We will then have a go ourselves ready for our 'Out of this World' party.	Exposing the children to different types of Space Art will get them used to the colours and techniques used ready for their turn in school! This could be in films, books or websites. Simply Search 'Nebula Art' and 'Peter Thorpe' in Google Search.
PSHE	This term we will be following the 'Jigsaw' Scheme of work, exploring 'Being me in my world.'	Encourage children to talk about their feelings and emotions. Allow them to speak about their responsibilities and worries freely and think about these positively.
Computing	This term we will focus on E-safety before the children will be completing some ICT based STEM challenges in small groups!	E-safety is highly important and any advice that the children receive is of great use and will help keep them safe online. With permission, download Scratch at home https://scratch.mit.edu/. The website has lots of different projects for you to practice your coding.

The homework will be set in the format of a 'menu style' so the children can choose their task on a weekly basis. Times tables are still extremely important this year so children should continue to play TT Rockstars as often as possible to improve fluency and speed. Children are also expected to continue to read at least 3 times a week with an adult and record their reading in their Reading Record Books.

We are very excited about the term ahead. Year 5 is going to be a blast!

Our door is always open should you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in contact.

Kindest Regards,

Mr Morton and Mrs Kemp.

