



# We are Scientists



Year 5 — Spring 2 2026

## What's it all about?

This topic explores what it is like to be a scientist. We will be looking at the skills involved in being a scientist: questioning, predicting, experimenting, making a test fair, investigating and drawing conclusions. We will also be looking at a variety of science - fiction books. It's going to be lots of fun. We can't wait.



**Geographers:** We are going to be finding out about France. We will be looking at the physical and human features in France and then how this compares to England. We will also be carrying out some field work and looking at different ways to present our findings.

**Readers:** We'll be continuing to focus on developing our reading strategies with a particular focus on trying to use a variety of different strategies when reading a text. We will also be building up our reading stamina. We will be encouraging the children to continue to read regularly at home and fill in their yellow Reading Record books at least 5 times a week.

**Writers:** We will be reading *Doctor Jekyll and Mr Hyde* which is a science - fiction book. We will be focusing on writing character descriptions, news reports, persuasive writing and the retelling of a story.

**Spellings:** We will be covering the spelling patterns: words ending in -ent, words ending in -ence, and the ee sound spelt ei.

**Mathematicians:** The maths topics this half-term are: Fractions and decimals and percentages, perimeter and area and statistics.

**Musicians:** We will be learning to play the ukulele.

**Artists:** We will be looking at line and tone and doing still life observational drawings.

**RE:** We will be looking at why the idea of rescue is so important to Christians and how the Bible shows this.

**Science:** Our topic in Science is about changing materials. We will be learning about solubility, separating materials and reversible and irreversible changes. We will be doing lots of experiments in the STEM room.

**Family Learning Ideas:** Winchester Science Museum, The Science Museum in London (Entry is free), The Lookout in Bracknell.

The Hermitage value of the half term is **Responsibility**— This includes community, leadership, independence, assertiveness, caring and fairness.,

**Trips/in-school visits:** 2nd–6th March is Book Week. On Thursday 5th March is bounce for books. On Friday 6th March we will be celebrating World Book day and the children are encouraged to come to school in their pyjamas and dress a potato up as a book character. The Year 5 book look is also on Friday 6th March.

16th–20th March is Science week. We will be having some different people visit us to tell us about how they use science in their jobs.

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