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Year Five News – To infinity and beyond!

We started the week with a bang. We watched a clip of a shuttle taking off from Cape Kennedy and then learnt about all of the different parts of the shuttle. Did you know that the astronauts are inside the shuttle for more than 3 hours before take-off? Also, the shuttle is taller than the Statue of Liberty. After this, we looked at the distance the planets are away from the sun. It is hard to imagine, but Mercury is more than 57 million km from the sun (this is the closest planet).

This week in English, we have been writing our own newspaper article about the moon landing after researching the event and watching a clip of it. We were all a little surprised that the quality of the film was not nearly as good as we are used to and our teachers had to remind us that film quality has improved a lot as this happened over 50 years ago.

In Science, we have been looking at different forces: gravity, air resistance and water resistance. We linked this to Neil Armstrong's experiment on the moon where he dropped and hammer and feather at the same time and they both reached the ground at the same time as the objects were not subject to air resistance. Ask your child about it.





In Maths, we have been converting fractions to decimals (e.g. 64/100 = 0.64) and then on Wednesday we were in teams to complete a maths challenge (Gecko Maths). Points were award based on clear explanations of the answer and teamwork.