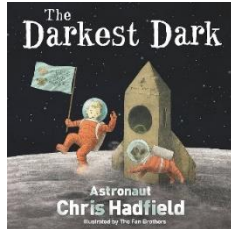


Reaching for the stars

Preparing to fly is more than a mission statement, it is everyone's ambition to give our robins a flying start. In Year 5, the children have been looking at the life of Chris Hadfield and how a nervous young man overcame his fears and attained his ambitions. Whilst learning about the solar system and how the planets formed and orbit the sun, our robins wrote biographies about famous members of the space race and key figures who have passed through the Earth's atmosphere. Their work incorporated their challenging mastery targets and showed their abundant and growing writing skills.



Halle: I loved our English text *The Darkest Dark*, which was written by the astronaut Chris Hadfield, because I loved learning about space and about how to write a biography. I wrote mine about the first man in space: Yuri Gagarin.

The importance of God

The Newchurch RE curriculum develops the children's appreciation of religion in the lives of people around the world. Throughout the year, our Year 5 robins will be looking at Islam, Hinduism and Judaism; however, their year started looking at the role of God in Christian belief. The children looked at how Christians encounter the word of God and how stories can teach us through their morals. Building on this, the children looked at the role of forgiveness and proved their maturity when discussing the challenges which come with forgiving the transgressions of others.



Noah: I enjoyed learning about sin and how sin came about through the story of Adam and Eve and the Garden of Eden, where the snake made Eve give into temptation.

Anti-bullying week

Our Year 5 robins have been looking at how stereotyping affects the lives of the people around us, limits their options and makes the world a worse place. Looking at homophobia, gender bias and how disability is a barrier to reaching goals.

As you can imagine, the children demonstrated their care, compassion and understanding of how they can make the world a better place for all and the role they can play in making stereotyping a thing of the past.



Anya: During anti-bullying week we've been learning that bullying is wrong and all about different stereotypes and forms of bullying.

Year Five goes POP!

Creativity is a key word that runs through every Newchurch robin. In Year 5 the children spent the first half term looking at the role of the Pop artists, notably Roy Lichtenstein.



Looking at how art can comment on the world, society and the power it has to force change. Taking the spirit of the



Pop artists, our Year 5 artists applied their use of contours and comic art techniques to create their own social awareness images. From animal rights to public health, the artwork covered a wide range of themes.

Luna: Last half term, in art, we looked at the pop artist Roy Lichtenstein and how he used dots to create his drawings.