



## YEAR 5 EXPLORES THE FINAL FRONTIER

**In Term 2, Year 5 students dived deep into the wonders of the universe through our Student Centered Independent Learning (SCIL) topic, "Space."** As a culmination of their learning, students spent three weeks researching a space-related topic of personal interest, each crafting a unique project to explore their chosen question.

Some of the fascinating student-generated questions included:

- What if the universe stopped expanding?
- Would it be possible to grow food in space?
- Could we use black holes as a source of energy?
- How would a Luna Eclipse look if the Earth was flat?



Working individually, students presented their research through a range of creative formats, including dioramas, posters, and digital slideshows. Their work showcased not only their curiosity and knowledge but also their creativity and independent thinking.

To celebrate their efforts, parents were invited to view the projects during a classroom showcase. The room was buzzing with excitement as students confidently explained their ideas, answered questions, and proudly shared what they had learned.

The goal of this project was simple yet powerful: to spark curiosity, foster independent research skills, and give students the freedom to follow their own questions into the cosmos. Their enthusiasm and the depth of their work clearly reflect the learning and growth that took place throughout the unit.

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