



Curriculum Newsletter

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 Year 2

Our PE Day is: Thursday
 Our homework day is: Homework is given out on a Friday and is to be handed in the following Wednesday .
 Our Maths Award day is: Tuesday
 Our spelling test day is: Friday
 Our theme this term is ; 'Explorers'

<p>Literacy Our work this term is focussed around recounts in first and third person. We will be looking at various ways of retelling events from the children's personal experiences and past historical events. We will also be looking at a range of wider texts and classic poems. We are having a real push on the use of spellings from our weekly spelling lists. It would be great to ask your child to recall spellings from their new weekly list but also spellings from previous weeks.</p>	<p>Maths Our topics for this term include; Addition and subtraction Money 2d and 3d shapes Time Fractions of shape and numbers Problem solving with times and divide Reading written maths problems that relate to everyday life situations. Maths can be fun to get involved with at home. Your child has his or her maths targets to practice ready for a Tuesday afternoon. Why not make some maths games to help your child become confident at their new challenges!</p>
<p>Science We will firstly be looking at living things and their habitats. We will be looking at what living things are like, what they need to have to survive and how their habitats enable them to live. We will move onto look at plants. We will be examining seeds, bulbs, plant life cycles and what plants need in order to survive.</p>	<p>Computing E-Safety - Keeping our information private and the risks of the internet. Safe searching. (https://www.tabecat-says.com/) Web skills & favourite websites leading to newspaper headlines and practising shortcut keys. Using a variety of floor robots to create, change, improve, problem solve and debug algorithms. Knowing what an algorithm is...</p>
<p>History To enhance our theme of Explorers we will be studying Christopher Columbus and his discoveries of parts of the world. We will also be studying Neil Armstrong and Ibn Battuta</p>	<p>Geography We will be trying to locate the world's continents and oceans.</p>
<p>Music We will be learning to play the glockenspiel and studying what is involved in playing in a musical band.</p>	<p>Art We will be developing techniques in pattern, colour, texture, line, shape and form.</p>
<p>Design Technology We will be designing and making an explorer's ship. We will be designing and making biscuits and their packaging.</p>	<p>RE We will be thinking about special ways of living within different religions (Christianity, Islam and Judaism). Also, special words and stories.</p>
<p>Physical Education The first half of this term the children will be indoors doing gymnastics. The second half of the Spring term we will be covering multi skills. Please remember to remove earrings and have hair tied up for P.E. day</p>	<p>Work Help Ideas Practice saying spellings on the way to school in the morning. Play estimating counting how many objects in a tin then count them in 2's, 5's or 10's. Share reading books so an adult reads some of the book then your child takes over.</p>