



# Year 2 Spring 1 Newsletter



Our topic for Spring 1 is Explorers and Famous Firsts. It is a topic based around famous people and events, with a history focus. Pupils will look at the significant contributions made by individuals in the past and events that have led to change for the future.

## English

### Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar Skills (SPaG)

We will continue to build on rules and spelling patterns as well as grammar rules. The children will develop their understanding of conjunctions and how to use them to extend sentences. We will be learning about how to use co-ordinating conjunctions or, so that, because and but. Many children will be moving onto Accelerated Reading this term which means they can select their own books from a range matched to their ability and then complete a quiz to check their comprehension.

In English we will be exploring characters and problems, creating discussions and who was right or wrong. The texts will include "The eagle who thought he was a chicken", "Ganesh gets married" and "How birds fly."

We will be enjoy other stories in story time including " Laika,Astronaut Dog" and "Man on the Moon (a day in the life of Bob)". We will also be reading different non-fiction texts about The Space Landing and other famous firsts

## Maths

This half term we will be focussing on:

### Division

- Making equal groups by sharing and grouping
- Odd and even numbers
- Dividing by 2
- Dividing by 5
- Dividing by 10

### Statistics

- Making tally charts
- Drawing and interpreting pictograms
- Block graphs

### Geometry

- Properties of 2D shapes
- Symmetry
- Properties of 3D shapes

We will still be practising 2x, 5x, and 10x times tables/ division facts.



## Science and Computing

This half term our topic is Living things and habitats. We will be learning about what living things need and explore what lives in the local environment. We will also be learning what humans need to survive and stay healthy.

In Computing, we will be learning how to use algorithms to plan routes using J2E and Scratch Junior.

## Art and D.T

In Art, pupils will be looking at the work of Space artist Peter Thorpe and use his technique to create their own Space pictures/ paintings. They will be creating their own version of Van Gogh's Starry Night.

## RE / PSHE

The theme for this half term is belonging. Children will be learning about the symbols and actions at a Christian baptism.

In PSHE we will be exploring how we can stay healthy and keep ourselves safe.

## Music, P.E and Forest Schools.

We will be learning about rhythm and beat. We will be learning new songs and using percussions instruments. We will also be listening to Space Odyssey and explore how it makes us feel.

In P.E. we will be developing Dance skills. Children will also continue with Forest Schools with Mrs Burnside. They will be learning outdoors and need the correct kit to take part fully.