



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. Some children will be moving onto using 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. Other children will continue to access the home reading scheme.

In English we will be exploring characters and writing character descriptions using "Here Come the Aliens" and "Beegu" as class texts, recycling alien and space stories and writing non-chronological reports about the Moon Landing.

We will be enjoying 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



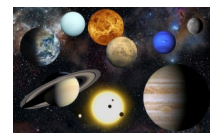
Science and Computing

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. We will also be learning about the internet in everyday life.

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

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

Music and P.E

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.

PSHE/ RRSE

The theme for this half term is Belonging to a Group. We will be exploring roles and responsibilities. Pupils will be thinking about being the same and different in the community.

In P.E. we will be developing Dance skills– building up repetitive moments to create a routine. We will also be consolidating Gymnastics skills. Please ensure pupils have their P.E. kits in school.