



**Our topic this half term:** Explorers




**CLASS TEXTS:** Little People Big Dreams Mary Anning, Dig dig dinosaur, Dinosaurium, Ice Trap, Expedition Diaries

**Our enrichment this half term:** We will be taking part in sports week where we will work as a team to gain as many points for our house. We are also going to have our own historic outreach session based around our topic 'explorers'. Keep a look out on Facebook to see what we have been getting up to!

**Project On A Page:** If your child completes any of the Project on a Page suggestions (or any of their own ideas) please bring these into school once completed and we will showcase them as a class and celebrate their work and creativity in Year 1. A little reminder that POAP is optional and will no longer be showcased as a whole school but as individual classes. Thank you.

English	This half term we will be emersed into a range of enriching texts which not only teach us about three well known explorers but also inspire us to write our own diary entries. We will continue to build on our writing skills by learning more about prefixes beginning with 'un', discovering how to use question marks in our diary entries and learning how to use 'but' as a connective. We will continue to be working hard in our phonics, remembering where one digraph can be represented as lots of different graphemes. This will help us to build fluency in our reading thus supporting our comprehension.	(ABC)
	<b>Project On a Page Idea:</b> Create your own diary sharing what you have done over the Easter holidays. You may wish to continue your diary into the school term- remember to keep practising the days of the week as your are writing your entries!	
Maths	As mathematicians we will continue to work on addition and subtraction. We will learn how to link our number bond to 10 knowledge to number bonds to 20. We are going to be spending more time on subtraction and will discover how to find the difference between two quantities. We will also begin work on multiplication and division where we will learn how to count in 2's and 5's. We will learn how to share into equal groups and will be introduced to multiplication using something called 'arrays'.	$2+3=5$ 
	<b>Project On a Page Idea:</b> Go on your own exploration around the garden and search for as many sticks or stones as possible. Organise what you have found into groups of 2 or 5 then practise counting out aloud to see how many you have in total.	
Science	In Science we will be introducing the children to the world of plants. We will go on an exploration around school to discover which flowering plants we have in our own grounds and will learn to name these correctly. We will learn how to identify different types of trees and will discover that not all trees lose their leaves in winter. We will build on our learning from Reception discovering that plants can grow from both seeds and bulbs. We will learn how to label the parts of a plant and will begin to understand the importance of each part.	
	<b>Project On a Page Idea:</b> Grow your own plant from either seed or bulb and watch how it changes. You could record your changes in your diary or draw how it changes using your own sketches.	
PSHE/RSE	In PSHE we will build on the story 'The Smeds and the Smoos' and use the text to recognise that we are all different and that differences should be celebrated. We will recognise that sometimes our differences can cause other people to make different views about us which sometimes leads to unkindness. We will learn what to do when someone is being unkind and we will learn more about what bullying is and how to prevent it from happening.	
	<b>Project On a Page Idea:</b> Choose a member of the family and share a mirror with them. Discuss all of the things that make you the same and all of the things that makes you different. Can you think of things beyond the way you look? Do you have similar/different hobbies and interests?	
RE	This half term we will be focusing our learning around the religion of 'Judaism'. We will learn about 'Shabbat' and how this is Judaism's Day of rest. We will link this back to our PSHE lesson of looking for similarities and differences between ourselves and others.	
	<b>Project On a Page Idea:</b> What would your 'Shabbat' look like? Would you have a special food that you like to eat? How would you rest? Would you go anyway special or would you stay at home?	
PE	In PE we will begin preparing for Sports Day. We will continue to work on our fundamental movement skills ensuring that our running and jumping skills are perfected for the big day! We will begin working on an Athletics unit of work where we will combine running, jumping and throwing skills in competitive games.	
	<b>Project On a Page Idea:</b> Grab an egg and spoon and get practising for sports day... we will leave it up to you if you would prefer to hard boil your egg first!	



History	As Historians we will discover the life work of three famous explorers- Mary Anning, Christopher Columbus and Matthew Henson. We will learn what made them an explorer and what they achieved that made them well known to the world. We will look at where they travelled on an Atlas and we will sort through photographs of their ventures to help us build up a deeper understanding of the events which took place in their lives.	
	<b>Project On a Page Idea:</b> Research one of your favourite explorers from above. Create your own poster all about the life of either Mary Anning, Christopher Columbus or Matthew Henson.	
Music	In music we will continue to explore sound through looking closely at the pitch of music. Pitch will be explored through singing, using tuned percussion and through participating in listening games. We will learn how music can be used to tell a story- we will listen to a song about Mary Anning to support our History work.	
	<b>Project On a Page Idea:</b> Listen to <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W-DJsX771Vo">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W-DJsX771Vo</a> and note how the words in the song help to tell a story of Mary Anning's life.	
Art	In Art we will learn how to work in three dimension. We will create our own sculptures by manipulating paper from 2D to 3D shapes. We will make close observations of birds and learn how to make a picture into a 3D model using card, paper and wire.	
	<b>Project On a Page Idea:</b> Create your own 3D model of anything of your choosing. Can you use paper to create your model turning a 2D piece of paper into 3D. You could use wire or pipe cleaners to help create a sculpture.	