



Movers and Shakers

Monkton Church of England Primary School

Newsletter for Class 2 **Term 1 - Movers and Shakers**

In God's eyes, Everyone is special.

English

Phonics as ever will continue to be a focus for class 2 as well as early reading skills. The children will be grouped again for Little Wandle reading and phonics groups and these will commence as soon as assessments have been completed. Children will bring home a small blue book on a Monday with spellings to learn for the week, these will then be tested the following Monday and you will be able to see the results at the back of their spelling book.

Our English lessons will be linked to our Movers and Shakers topic and will see the children spending a couple of weeks on biographies, then newspapers and finally posters. They will then build their knowledge and skills over the two weeks before completing a longer piece of writing where they can show the knowledge they have acquired.

As a class we will be reading a non-fiction style text about Rosa Parks as well as enjoying James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl as our class reader.

Science

Human Survival - This project teaches children about the basic needs of humans for survival, including the importance of exercise, nutrition and good hygiene. They learn how human offspring grow and change over time into adulthood.

Maths

This term predominantly focuses on Place Value where children will learn the best ways to count and sort objects, to write numbers as digits and words as well as compare numbers. They will also start to complete different number lines and count in 2's, 5's and 10's. We will then move onto addition and subtraction when the children are ready where they will look at the language linked to addition and subtraction, fact families and number bonds to 10, 20 and 100 as appropriate for each year group.

General

Welcome back to Class 2 to all those children and families returning to us and a very warm welcome to those new to Class 2 this term.

We have lots of new learning this term with new topics and activities and hopefully a very early school trip to learn about some local significant figures for our topic.

Our first topic is called Movers and Shakers. This project teaches children about historically significant people who have had a major impact on the world. They will learn to use timelines, stories and historical sources to find out about the people featured and use historical models to explore their significance.

RE

Term 1 - God - What do Christians believe that God is like?

Computing

Programming animations - This unit introduces learners to on-screen programming through ScratchJr. Learners will explore the way a project looks by investigating sprites and backgrounds. They will use programming blocks to use, modify, and create programs. Learners will also be introduced to the early stages of program design through the introduction of algorithms.

PE

Term 1 - Football and OAA

After School = OAA

PE and after school club are taught by Team Theme, who are trained sports coaches, and supported by Miss Jenks.

Foundation subjects

History- Local historically significant person; Chronology and timelines; Historically significant artists, activists, explorers, monarchs and scientists; Facts and opinions; Memorials; Significant people - Captain James Cook, Christopher Columbus, Claude Monet, Elizabeth Fry, Emmeline Pankhurst, Florence Nightingale, Henry VIII, Isaac Newton, Joseph Lister, Mahatma Gandhi, Marie Curie, Martin Luther King Jr, Mary Anning, Neil Armstrong, Paul Cezanne, Queen Victoria, Roald Amundsen, Rosa Parks, Vasco da Gama, Vincent van Gogh, William Shakespeare (completed over Term 1 & 2)

Geography- Historical landmarks; Significant places. Using an atlas; Using a compass; Using map keys; Locating the equator, Northern and Southern Hemispheres and North and South Poles; Hot, temperate and cold places; Comparing England to Somalia.

Art - Colour theory; Colour wheel; Primary and secondary colours.

Design Technology- Sources of food; Kitchen tools; Reading recipes; Hygiene_rules

Music - Term 1 & 2 - Sparkyard - Move to the beat

PSHE- Get Heartsmart

Vocabulary

Below are some words that the children will come across during their learning that they might be unfamiliar with that you might like to help them understand:

<u>Science</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Maths</u>	<u>English</u>
reproduction	activist	Place value	biography
omnivore	campaign	digit	past tense
offspring	chronological	tens	present tense
balance diet	Dawson's model	ones	statement
carbohydrates	explorer	value	exclamation
nutrient	monument	numeral	persuasion
embryo	monarch	addition	recount
mammal	protest	subtraction	newspaper
hygiene	significant	equals	caption

Websites

- www.numbots.co.uk - please ask for your username and password if these have been misplaced as it is expected that children will access this as their maths homework
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zf49q6f> - BBC bitesize Significant people

Special days/ Come join us

- Tuesday 13th September- Roald Dahl Day- welcome to come in dressed as their favourite Roald Dahl character or in his favourite colour- yellow
- Thursday 29th September- 150 years school celebration- more details to follow
- Friday 30th September- Flu vaccinations- more details to follow
- Monday 17th October- Equalities week
- Friday 21st October- Show Racism the Red Card Day - wear red!
- Fri 21st October- end of term