



Let's Explore the World

Monkton Church of England
Primary School
Newsletter for Class 2
Term 2 - Let's explore the World
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 re-grouped for Little Wandle reading and for phonics Year 1 will continue to follow Little Wandle while Year 2 move onto No Nonsense spelling. Therefore Year 1 children will be group 1 for spellings and Year 2 will be group 2 unless we have spoken to you separately.

Our English lessons will continue to be linked to our Movers and Shakers topic and will see the children looking at presentations and speeches this term before moving over to focus on some Christmas literature in December.

As a class we will be reading a non-fiction style text about Rosa Parks as well as enjoying novels based on exploration and pirates.

Science

Habitats- This project teaches children about habitats and what a habitat needs to provide. They explore local habitats to identify and name living things and begin to understand how they depend on one another for food and shelter.

Maths

This term predominantly focuses on addition and subtraction 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. Before moving onto Shape where we will look at 2D and 3D shapes and their properties.

General

Welcome to Term 2 and what a brilliant term Term 1 was with Year 2 welcoming the Year 1 children with open arms and the Year 1 children settling so well into a Key Stage One Class.

Our next topic is called Let's Explore the World. This essential skills and knowledge project teaches children about atlases, maps and cardinal compass points. They learn about the characteristics of the four countries of the United Kingdom and find out why there are hot, temperate and cold places around the world. They also compare England to Somalia. Children carry out fieldwork, collecting primary data in their locality to answer geographical questions.

RE

Term 2 - God - Why does Christmas matter to Christians?

Computing

Programming quizzes - This unit recaps on learning from the Programming animations last term. Learners begin to understand that sequences of commands have an outcome and make predictions based on their learning. They use and modify designs to create their own quiz questions in ScratchJr and realise these designs in ScratchJr using blocks of code.

PE

Term 1 - Multiskills
After School = Dodgeball
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- Don't forget to let love in

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>
adaptation	climate	addition	biography
amphibian	compass	subtraction	past tense
camouflage	continent	equals	present tense
carnivore	country	more than	statement
herbivore	equator	value	exclamation
invertebrate	hemisphere	less than	persuasion
mammal	human feature	tens	verb
omnivore	physical feature	ones	adjective
respiration	season	names of shapes	noun

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

- Friday 4th November - Numbots relaunch for KS1 - please come dressed as a robot
 - Thursday 10th November - Open date for new entrants September 2023 - spread the word!
 - Thursday 17th November - Year 1 and 2 Dodgeball Festival - after school - info to follow
 - Friday 25th November - Spelling Bee - info to follow
 - Week Beginning Monday 12th December - Cross - curricular Week
 - Tuesday 13th December - Evening Christingle - info to follow
 - Wednesday 14th December - School Christmas dinner
 - Thursday 15th December - Open afternoon for parents
 - Friday 16th December - Shooting Stars Pantomime for all classes and Christmas party day
- All Christmas events will be explained nearer the time but these are the dates for your diaries.**