English

This term we will be studying stories by the author Simon Bartram. In year one the children were introduced to this author when they explored the book 'Man on the Moon'. We will be learning more about this spaceman when exploring the next books in the series entitled 'Bob's Best Friend' and 'Bob and the Moontree Mystery'. We then move on to explore some of Simon Bartram's short chapter books. Our second literacy genre this half term investigates non- chronological reports leading to us to create our own, based around the theme of explorers/ superheroes. In addition to our main literacy unit, we continue to practise our phonics and spelling skills daily. We continue to explore the different word types including nouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs and practise recognising and punctuating the four different sentence types – statements, exclamations, commands and questions.

Maths

We start this term with an in depth look at multiplication, focussing in particular on what it actually means to multiply a number. We think about multiplication in terms of how many groups and explore the numerous ways in which we can describe a group of objects. We then look at arrays and learn that multiplication can be done in any order before learning our 2, 5 and 10 times tables by heart. We then move on to explore the link with division. We will learn that division means both 'grouping' and 'sharing' before spending time learning to recall division facts for ÷ by 2, 5 and 10. Next we move on to think about measures starting with length. We learn that there are 100cm in a metre and make comparisons between different lengths and solve various problems involving length. Finally we make a start on our learning about mass measuring in kg and grams, making comparisons and solving word roblems.

R.E.

Mrs Ventress continues to teach the class R.E. on a Monday afternoon. The children will be learning all about 'Special Places'. <u>Year 2</u> <u>Spring Term 1</u>

Superheroes

Key Vocabulary

hero explorers Arctic
Antarctica North/South Pole
The 5 oceans: Arctic, Atlantic,
Indian, Pacific & Southern
smallpox vaccination
discovery inspiration
British Empire slavery abolish
imagination sound effects

<u>History/Geography:</u> We will be thinking about superheroes in terms of real people who have made significant discoveries or have had a significant impact upon the world around them. These will include the likes of Florence Nightingale and Edith Cavell, Edward Jenner, William Wilberforce, Amelia Earhart and Roald Amundsen.

<u>D.T.</u> Later on this term we will be taking a look at a range of different puppets and will be designing and making our own based around our theme of superheroes.

<u>Art</u> We will be exploring images of superheroes, including how colour, line, pattern and texture are created and will be creating our own comic book inspired images.

<u>**PE**</u> This term we are developing our gymnastics skills. We will explore how to travel, roll, jump and balance in a range of different ways including using various pieces of equipment

<u>Computing</u> This term we will be learning to use the internet safely to explore our real life superheroes further. We will learn to use the search engine kiddle.co and will talk about why it is important to keep safe when using the online world.

<u>PSHE</u> We continue to think about our health and wellbeing this term and focus in particular upon keeping safe in both the real and the online world. We will talk about what privacy means and will learn more about our private body parts, private belongings and describe different types of private information.

Wider Curriculum

- Coach Steve will be in school for one of our P.E. lessons each week teaching us throwing and catching skills, particularly those needed for cricket.
- Lancashire Fire Service will be coming into class to talk us about the importance of fire safety in the home.
- Intra-sports competition with year one.

Our Value this half term is

Thankfulness