

### English

This term we will be studying stories by the author Simon Bartram. We start by reading the 'Man on the Moon' before learning more about this spaceman by exploring the next books in the series 'Bob's Best Friend' and 'Bob and the Moontree Mystery'. We then move on to explore some of Simon Bartram's short chapter books. In addition to our main literacy unit, we continue to practise our handwriting and spelling skills daily. We continue to explore the different word types including nouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs. We will also practise recognising and punctuating the four different sentence types – statements, exclamations, commands and questions.

### Maths

This half term, we continue our learning about multiplication and division. 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 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  $\div$  by 2, 5 and 10. We then move on to look at money. We count with pennies and pounds, compare amounts, find totals, calculate change and solve problems including those using bar models.

### R.E.

Mrs Joel continues to teach the class R.E. on a Monday afternoon. The children will be learning about Easter this half term with a particular focus on how symbols help us to understand the Easter story.

## Year 2 Spring Term 2

### Real Life Superheroes and Explorers

### Key Vocabulary

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

**Science:** Before we begin our new topic, we will be finishing last half term's work about habitats. We will be looking at microhabitats in our school garden and finishing the topic with a look at life cycles.

**History/Geography:** 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.

**D.T.** Later on this term we will be taking a look at a range of different vehicles. We will be designing and making our own based around our theme of superheroes.

**P.E.** This term we are joined by a dance coach, Miss Helen for one of our P.E. sessions. She will be showing us how to move to music and helping us to create our own explorers dances. Our other P.E. session focuses on games skills and sees us learning to bounce a ball with increasing accuracy and control. We then learn to apply this skill in a game using tactics such as pretending to throw one way but throwing the other or by looking at a different person to the catcher.

**Computing** This term Miss Parlane will be teaching the children about 'animations'. They will be exploring creating short narratives and combining these with images to create their own animations.

**P.S.H.E.** We will be learning about our rights and responsibilities in terms of what we can do in order to make both ourselves and the world around us the best it can be. We will talk about how we cope with different feelings including when we get cross and might feel like 'erupting' and will also discuss how we can help to make the world a better place.

### Wider Curriculum

- The Brilliant Book Award
- Miss Helen will be teaching dance during one of our P.E. lessons.
- World Book Day
- Cinema trip – further details to follow shortly
- Lancashire Fire Service will be coming into class to talk to us about the importance of fire safety in the home.

### Our Value this half term is

- Service