

St. Anne's Catholic Primary School

Year 2 Knowledge Organiser

'We are Explorers'

"Loving God In All We Do."



The 'We are Explorers' topic is about ...

The children will begin the term looking at stories from the same author Jonny Duddle, starting with 'the Pirate Cruncher'. Then the children will learn about the life of significant explorer from the past, Amy Johnson who has contributed to national and international achievements. After learning about Amy Johnson's achievements, the children will explore Australia. They will explore the climate and how the living things survive in these conditions. They will investigate the physical features of the landscape. The children will also learn about the Australian animals and how they too survive in this severe climate. Using their knowledge of Ormskirk, they will then compare the two contrasting areas.

What we already know...

- We can locate the United Kingdom and recognise each country within it.
- We can locate Ormskirk on a simple map.
- We know where Australia is
- We can name some animals native to Australia.

By the end of the topic we will know

- How to write stories in the style of Jonny Duddle.
- About the lives and contributions of Amy Johnson.
- Describe Australia using simple geographic vocabulary.
- How to investigate how things fly, float and sink.
- Create a piece of aboriginal art work.

Vocabulary

Geography:

Continents
Oceans
Equator
Physical features
Outback

History:

Explorer
Equipment
Voyage
Pilot
Aeroplane
Australia

Music:

Rhythm
Pitch
Tempo
Duration
Percussion
Compose
Composition

Design and Technology:

Mechanisms
Components



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Wider curriculum learning

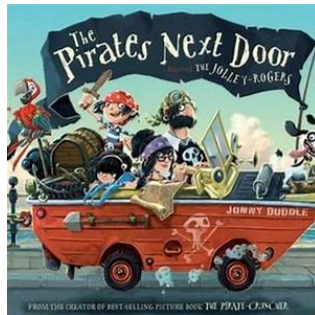
After learning about Amy Johnson and Australia the children will learn about native Australians —the Aboriginals — and the art and music they produced and the history behind it.

Within Science this half term, the children will be exploring STEM tasks linked to their theme of explorers, by completing observations and fair tests relating to how things fly and how things float. After investigating how things fly and float the children will then design and create a boat or a plane using axels and wheels.

During this half term is Internet Safety Day, so to gain a deeper understanding of this, the children will be learning how to stay safe online and how they can use the internet safely. Using their safe searching skills then children will then use the internet to create a fact file on Australia.

In R.E the children will start their 'Books' topic and gain knowledge and understanding of books used in school, at home, and books used in Church on Sunday by the parish family.

We are going to read a range of texts by Jonny Duddle:



Let's try this at home

- Discover which objects sink or float
- Make different styles of paper aeroplanes.
- Find oceans and continents on a globe

Key dates for this half-term

Pirate Day– Friday 21st January

TT Rock Stars Day– 24th January

Please subscribe to our Year 2 calendar via our school website to keep up-to-date with all Year 2 events.