



Year 2 Parent Newsletter
Summer Term 2 - 2024-2025
Let's Explore

English:

Pupils this half term children's English will be focused around the overarching theme of Exploration. They will base learning on texts by Simon Bartram: Dougal's Deep Sea Diary and Man on the moon and will also write an instructions text about how to be an Explorer.

We will also explore Poetry, Haiku - a verse form of Japanese origin having three lines containing five, seven, and five syllables respectively and Free verse poetry .

Maths:

Across the half term, pupils will focus on: Statistics, Time and Position and Direction.

History: taught by Mrs Nicklin

Where have humans explored?

This unit begins by introducing the children to images of different explorers: explorers that explore different parts of the world. The children will discuss where in the world these explorers may have been and the special equipment that they need to survive. Children will be introduced to some famous explorers from the past. They will find out more about their lives and the reasons why they became explorers. During this unit, they will 'meet' Charles Darwin, Neil Armstrong, Ibn Battuta, Roald Amundsen, Sylvia Earle and Edmund Hillary. They will have the opportunity to ask and answer questions about them and make simple comparisons between their explorations. At the end of the unit, children will consider modern day explorations and whether or not humans will still explore the Earth and beyond in the future.

Art: taught by Mrs Nicklin

Painting and Mixed media:

This unit focuses on teaching primary and secondary colours, colour mixing, and creating textures using different tools. It also covers collage techniques, encouraging pupils to experiment with materials and evaluate their artistic choices and aims to develop children's understanding of colour, texture, and composition in art.

PE: taught by Mrs Nicklin

In their PE lessons pupils will undertake the unit - Dance. They will focus on using movements in time, control, to the music and coordinated with a partner.

Computing: Online Safety taught by Mrs Garrett

The children will learn to use technology safely, respectfully and responsibly; recognise acceptable/unacceptable behaviour.

Identify a range of ways to report concerns about content and contact.

R.E.: To know you more clearly taught by Mrs Garrett

The children will begin by studying the parable of the Good Samaritan which Jesus told in answer to the question, 'Who is my neighbour?'

They will think about what this means in the community where they live and look at how Christians work together to support their local community, for example, food bank initiatives or care for refugees.

Together we will listen to the religious experiences of others from different communities in the class and the local area.

Science: Materials taught by Mrs Cassidy

The children will be learning about different materials and their properties. They will look at the uses of materials and complete tests on material suitability to find the best material to make a house for the three little pigs! They will examine solid materials and look at how these may be changed and the children will also sort and classify different materials.

Book Club

This half term we will be celebrating with the winning author of the 'Brilliant Book Awards' - Rob Biddulph by watching the live video with the author himself!

We will also be reading books by Chris Judge and learning facts about him.