

Class 2's Learning letter

Our topic this half term is 'Explorers' through which we will learn about the explorers Christopher Columbus & Neil Armstrong and the places that they discovered. As you can see from below, we have planned a busy half term, full of exciting learning opportunities for your child. We hope that they come home excited to tell you about their learning.

Miss Bradley & Mrs Killoran



English

This half term we will be covering different areas of literacy:

- Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (subordination such as if, while, after, before and apostrophes for contraction such as don't)
- Application of our phonic knowledge to spelling & writing words
- Handwriting

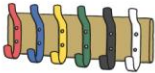
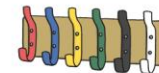
Starting this topic, we will look at fiction books written by the same author. We will read Man on the Moon, Dougal's Deep Sea Diary and other stories by Simon Bertram which will culminate in us writing a story of our own. As well we will be focusing our reading & writing on non-fiction writing such as non-chronological reports. The children will make pages for an information book for the class library. They will also write fact files on Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong.

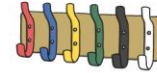
Maths

This term we will be focusing on several areas of Numeracy:

- Multiplication/Division/ Reasoning & Problem Solving
- Place Value / Statistics

We will focus on the concept of division this half term. In the first week, we will recap on prior learning in multiplication, number bonds, counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and doubles. We will apply our skills in these concepts to word problem solving & maths reasoning. Then we will learn how to share objects equally between 2, 5, 10 people. We will learn how to identify when a number cannot be shared equally and to count groups of 2, 5, 10 & 3 to find a total number.





Key learning in History & Geography

In History we will be learning about the explorers Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong. By learning about the dates in which Columbus discovered America and Armstrong landed on the Moon, we will develop our skills in chronology and how to place these significant events on a timeline.

Finding out about the places that Columbus & Armstrong discovered will develop our geographical knowledge of the world, especially of the seven continents, five oceans, weather patterns, the equator, the North & South Poles & Space. We will also apply the knowledge and learning from last term about our local area to compare and contrast it with the village in Tanzania where the children from the Bethany Orphanage live.

Key learning in Art and Design

In Design & Technology, we will be looking at mechanisms. We will investigate vehicles and look at the wheels, chassis and axels on them. We will plan, design and make a vehicle for an explorer to use. When completed, we will evaluate our vehicles by testing them out. Through this topic we will learn lots of new skills such as joining different materials, cutting dowl and testing and evaluating.

The spellings for this half term were sent out weekly and set on Edshed and has different ways for the children to interact with. Please could you look at the spellings at home with your child and encourage them to practise them independently. They will be a spelling test every Friday. Your child will participate in reading daily through shared, guided or independent reading. Please continue to bring your child's reading book in their book bag every day. It is also important that you hear your child read at least a couple of pages from their book on a daily basis. Reading books will now be changed on Fridays and if your child is reading a lot at home, we will change them at other times too if possible. Weekly homework is set on TTRS for the children to practice and learn times tables at home. Thank you to all those parents who read so consistently with their child and encouraged them to practise spellings and times tables last half term. Please continue, it really is making a difference to your child.

RE
This half term our R.E unit is Hinduism through which we will learn about the beliefs of the Hindu faith. Our Christian value for this half term is 'Wisdom' and we will be thinking about what wisdom is and how we can exercise wisdom in our Collective Worship.

PE
PE will now be on Tuesday afternoons so please ensure that your child has their PE kit consisting of a named white T-Shirt, black shorts and pumps on ready for their PE lesson.

