

Year 2 Spring Term Half Term 4 Parents' Leaflet

The aim of our curriculum is to link much of the work around a theme, which makes learning more exciting and purposeful.

Science

In science we will be continuing to learn more about the basic and vital needs of animals and humans. We will then consider these alongside what it is like in space and how being in space effects our bodies. We will also introduce the idea of forces acting upon our bodies and talk about gravity.

P.E

During our outdoor P.E lessons with Mr. Renardson every Monday afternoon we will be focusing on basketball.

On a Thursday afternoon during our indoor P.E time we will focus on gymnastics.

English

We will:

- Read around the life and experiences of Neil Armstrong to help us gain a deeper understanding of his achievements.
- Familiarise ourselves with the structure of a good story and practice the skills needed to be successful before writing our own story about a trip to space. This will be based on the book 'Man on the Moon'.
- Towards the end of the term we will look in greater detail at how an astronaut prepares for a trip to space, before writing a set of instructions to inform future astronauts what they need to do.
- We will also read and write some space poems.

Religious Education

Our focus question this term is 'What is special to faith communities?' We will look at what is special to Christians, Sikhs and Muslims. A visitor from the Gurdwara is to talk to us about a spring festival that Sikhs celebrate. We will also be encouraged to ask lots of questions.

**This half term our topic is:
'Brave People' - history based**

Lifesavers and PHSE.

We will be exploring ways in which we can look after our money by encouraging the children to think about what is important to buy and when it might be a good time to 'save'. We will also be thinking about staying safe, taking medicines appropriately and knowing that some chemical products can be harmful.

Mathematics

We will:

- Understand that some numbers have hundreds, tens and ones. We will describe these numbers using the vocabulary of place value.
- Add through expanded column addition
- Tell the time to 5 minute intervals
- Know the properties of all 2D and 3D shapes
- Explore the language of position and direction and turn shapes clockwise and anticlockwise
- Make sure we know our 2, 5 and 10 times table inside out!

Our Values

Our school value for this term is 'democracy'. With this word and its meaning being highly significant in the wider world today; focusing on it will give your children the opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the world we live in.

Computing

In our ICT lessons this half term we will be given an email address. We will then email Mr Woollin, who will send us a message back. We will focus greatly on the importance of e-safety and the correct use of such forms of communication. We will also create power point presentations about the moon, whilst exploring the achievements of Neil Armstrong.

How you can help?

Please continue to support your child with their homework. Remember it can be represented in a number of ways e.g. sticking pictures in books, drawing or recording through writing. A key focus should be on reading comprehension and spelling. When reading share some fiction and non-fiction books about space with your child.

History

We will learn about the achievements of the famous American astronaut Neil Armstrong, who was the first man to land on the moon in 1969. We will consider why he was brave and think about the impact of his discoveries on our lives today.