

English - Man on the Moon

The children will be reading *Man on the Moon* by Simon Bartram. We will use this book as a stimulus to help us create poems about space, create character descriptions, plan and write stories.

Our class target in English is to write ALL sentences beginning with a capital letter, using finger spaces between each word and finishing with a full stop. We will also be concentrating on spelling all 100 high frequency words correctly.

Geography - Locational knowledge:

Children will learn to name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans.

This knowledge will help us in the second half of the Autumn Term when we are looking at explorers and where they went around the world.

Music

This half term the musical focus will be on pitch. Children will perform actions in time to the beat in a piece of music. They will identify and copy changes in the pitch of animal sounds following pitch lines using their voices and demonstrate changes of pitch using body movements.

Computing

Children will be using the internet to research our history topic. They will find pictures to help them to create an information sheet about an explorer.

Art

In Art, the children will be learning about the artist Andy Goldsworthy, who creates his art using natural materials. The children will have the opportunity to use natural materials to create their own pieces of art in the style of Andy Goldsworthy.

HOW PARENTS CAN HELP AT HOME?

- read with your child every day.
- encourage your child to write using the correct letter formation.
- encourage your child to write sentences beginning with a capital letter, with finger spaces between each word and ending with a full stop.
- encourage your child to complete homework tasks.

ESPRESSO LINKS & WEBSITES

<http://www.espresso.co.uk>

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/4_11/index.shtml

Autumn 1 2018 Squirrel Class - Year 2 'Explorers'

Science - Everyday Materials

Children will explore everyday materials. They will learn to identify what objects around us are made out of, whether they are man-made or natural materials. The children will investigate the properties of different materials and use this knowledge to think about why certain materials are used for particular objects and not for others.

R.E.

How can we work together to take care of our planet?
Children will explore questions about the world around them. They will talk about religious and non-religious responsibilities towards our planet recognising that people have varying ideas about right and wrong. The children will try to understand that what we do has an impact on our world. Children will also learn about the Christian festival Harvest this half term.

Maths

We will start by embedding our knowledge and understanding of numbers by:

- matching numerals and number words.
- learning number bonds to 20.
- understanding the place value of numbers to 100.
- adding and subtracting two-digit and one-digit numbers.
- counting in 2's, 5's and 10's.
- halving and doubling numbers 0 - 20.

History - Space Explorers

The children will be finding out about space exploration from the first man in space to the missions to the International Space Station. The children will find out about Neil Armstrong, Helen Sharman and Tim Peake. The children will learn to ask questions and find out how to answer them using research.

French

Children will be learning French through a variety of games and songs. They will count, recognise parts of the body, name the colours and look at the weather.

PSHCE -New Beginnings

Children will be focussing on feelings about new beginnings and how to create safe places.

PE lessons

Tuesday - Gymnastics
Friday - Games