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Year 2 Mr Stell
Learning letter Spring 1 2019





Mathematics

This half term we will revisit place value and then apply this to other mathematical topics. We will also cover weight and money. ALL children will have a target linked to the recall of multiplication and division facts, support will be given at school but help at home via the Times tables Rockstars would be very much appreciated. All children will continue to complete arithmetic exercises weekly, please ask your child about their progress in their multiplication tables.

English

This half term we will read books by the author Simon Bartram. The children will use different grammar skills throughout this unit and write their very own story based on the plot. Children will also use their knowledge of explorers to write a non-chronological report. Throughout the year, children will continue to practice Year 2 common exception words and take part in daily phonic sessions.

Year 2 Common Exception Words

door	floor	poor	because	find	kind
mind	behin	child	children	wild	climb
most	only	both	old	cold	gold
hold	told	every	everybod	even	great
break	steak	pretty	beautiful	after	fast
last	past	father	class	grass	pass
plant	path	bath	hour	move	prove

Reading

Children will participate in three 30 minute guided reading sessions a week. During these sessions the teacher and teaching assistant will work with a group of children on a text carefully selected to offer an appropriate level of challenge for that group. Children will be taught different reading strategies such as inference, skimming and scanning to aid and improve their reading ability.

Reading with your child

To promote reading in school we are offering parent and child reading sessions in our new library. Year 2 sessions will be on **Friday 8th February and Friday 15th March.** These sessions will be from 8.30am to 9am.



Topic

This half term the topic is all about explorers. In History children will be able to show their developing knowledge and understanding of the past by:

- Recognising the distinction between present and past in their own and other people's lives (e.g. *Christopher Columbus*).
- Identifying some similarities and differences between ways of life in different periods (e.g. *Neil Armstrong and Christopher Columbus*).
- Know where some people and events fit into a chronological framework by using common words and phrases about the passing of time.

With Mrs Canty in Geography, children will name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans. They will all look closely at a small area in a contrasting non-European country

Religious Education

In Religious studies this term, children will look closely;

- Local church~ the books used
- Eucharist
- Lent/Easter

Other important information

- PE in Year 2 is on a Monday and Thursday

Thank you all for your support. Please communicate with school should you have any questions or concerns about your child's learning or any other issue.



We continue to ask that children read their reading books every night. Spellings will be sent home on a Friday to practice during the week ready for a test the following Friday. We also ask that children continue to practice their times tables throughout the year. In Year 2 children need to know their 2, 5 and 10 times tables! **Don't forget to use Times Tables Rock Stars!**

Thank you for your wonderful homework last half-term!

You will see below a few ideas for possible activities to complete at home relating to our current topic. Try to complete at least four of the ideas during the half-term or you may have some ideas of your own. You can draw pictures, write sentences or even take photographs and stick them into your special homework book. Please hand your homework book in on **Monday 11th February** so that we can have a look at all of your hard work. Have fun!

Write a short story based on an unknown planet. What does it look like? Who lives there?

Can you recreate the first moon landing with your family? What equipment would you take?

Try reading a book by Simon Bartram ~ we will be looking at this author in our English lessons

Paint or draw a labelled picture of the planets in order from the sun

Can you make a 3D junk model of a rocket or moon buggy?

Can you carry out research on famous explorers such as Christopher Columbus or Neil Armstrong?

