

Year 2 Newsletter

Just a few notes to keep you updated on what's happening in Year 2 over this half term.



TOPIC - SPACE

Topic

- In Science we will be looking at different materials, their properties and how forces can be used to change their state. This will involve investigating the effects of temperature on chocolate and carrying out a scientific enquiry to test the absorbency of different materials.
- In History we will be learning about the first landing on the moon and the life of Neil Armstrong.
- In Geography we will be using the laptops to look at Earth from satellite images. We will be identifying the continents and oceans before studying the four different countries that make the UK.
- In RE we will be looking at the signs and symbols used in different religions. We will be visiting St Mary's Church to look for symbols and what they mean.
- Children will be learning about e-safety and will then be researching the life of Neil Armstrong.

Physical Development The children will have P.E. on Thursdays with Mrs Gunn and Fridays with the Class Teacher. This half term they will do games and fitness training.

PSHE PSHE will be taught by Mrs Fish on a Thursday afternoon. They will start by looking at how a classroom functions and why we need certain rules.

Mathematics

This half term we will be focussing on number. Children will learn to read and write 3-digit numbers and we will continue to practise adding and subtracting 2-digit numbers. We will also continue to practise counting in 2s, 5s, and 10s and start to introduce these sequences as times tables. We will be using our knowledge of number facts learned in Year 1 to see how they can be applied to different numbers (doubles, pairs of number totalling 10, 20 and 100). We will be revising our 2D and 3D shapes and properties of shape.

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Literacy

This half term we will start by focusing on Traditional Tales and story writing. We will be identifying different parts of the stories, the types of characters used and how the stories are typically developed. We will also be writing diary entries for Neil Armstrong for the retelling of historical events. Phonics and Guided Reading will also be taught daily and children will have spellings, reading books and library books sent home each week. *Please help your child with these activities.*

Creativity

- The children will be designing, making and evaluating space buggies. This will include investigating different types of axles which can be used in models.
- We will be investigating materials and different textures to make a whole year display of the Solar System.
- We will be learning how to vary the length of sounds in music and the effect this has.
- In assemblies children will hear music from a variety of cultures and learn songs relating to Harvest.