

Dear parents and Year 2 pupils,

Welcome back to school, and a special welcome to the new member of Class 2. Our main topic this term is, 'Explorers' which will incorporate historical figures, geographical skills, art and DT. Here is a summary of the areas we hope to be covering this term.

Mrs Gleaves and Miss Reckling

History:

We will look at the work and lives of Sir Francis Drake and Tim Peake, comparing and contrasting their lives and achievements.



English:

We will be scaffolding written work using the Talk for Writing scheme and there will be a phonics, spelling and grammar foci. We will study list poetry ('ten things found in a shipwrecked sailor's pocket'), quest and adventure stories with instructions (based on Neil Gaiman's fairy-tale text, Instructions).

We will endeavour to hear your child read at least once a week.

We cannot stress the importance of your child being heard daily at home and ask that you keep a record in their Reading Record book.



PSHCE: Citizenship, why have rules, where we belong, what we are responsible for and what makes a good friend.

Good friends...
help each other remember the rules



PE: This term, part of our PE will take place in Forest School, where there will be climbing and balancing. Our more traditional PE lessons will concentrate on our throwing and catching skills.

Geography: Stemming from our Topic work, we will be studying maps, continents, oceans, the equator and compass directions.

RE: What does it mean to belong to a faith community? We will study how the Church welcomes people to their doors, what membership means and examine some celebrations enjoyed by Christian groups. Then we will look at how people of the Jewish faith do the same. Finally, we study the Christmas story and the mystery of the incarnation.



Maths: Reasoning, counting and place value, ordering numbers, word problems, addition and subtraction, 2-D and 3-D shapes, measuring, making and using charts and tables, telling the time, finding fractions and, if we haven't collapsed with exhaustion, algorithms.

Computing: We plan to see where technology is used and use it safely, children will help create Vlogs, think about key questions needed in order to use search engines effectively, create and print a document and begin to explore file management.

Science: Along with a little peek at bulbs, seasons will be examined, checking out autumn time and how daylight hours change throughout the year. We will also be exploring materials and their properties, for example, predicting then testing which paper type is strongest when wet.



Art/DT: In art we will be studying portraits using different styles and mediums. In DT we will examine Tudor food, making hard tack and a healthy fruit salad to see off the dreaded scurvy. After half term, we will be designing and making a moon buggy and sewing Christmas decorations.



Music:

We will be exploring rhythm using hands, feet, hearts and drums and then we will explore Christmas songs through our Nativity.

Homework will be sent out on Fridays and should be returned by the following Wednesday. Spelling & times tables tests will be on Fridays. Any questions should be asked via Tapestry, which will be checked daily at 8:45am.