



Year 2 Spring 1

# EXPLORERS



## English

This half term we will be looking at books by the author 'Simon Bartram', comparing and innovating his stories 'Man on the Moon' and 'A Right Royal Disaster'.

Our **Key Learning** will be:

- Use apostrophes for contracted forms, e.g. don't, can't, wouldn't, you're, I'll.
- Use subordination for time using when, before and after, e.g. We went out to play when we had finished our writing. When we had finished our writing, we went out to play.
- Use past tense for narratives, recounts and historical reports.
- Plan and discuss what to write about, e.g. story, collecting new vocabulary, key words and ideas.



We will also be looking at non-fiction text and will be creating a non-chronological report (information booklet) about Neil Armstrong. Our **Key Learning** will be:

- Use subordination for reason using because and if, e.g. I put on my coat because it was raining. Because it was raining, I put on my coat.
- Use of past tense.
- Plan and discuss what to write about, e.g. text mapping, collecting new vocabulary, key words and ideas.
- Use specific text type features to write for a range of audiences and purposes, e.g. to inform.
- Write about real events.
- Make simple notes from non-fiction texts, e.g. highlighting and noting key words.

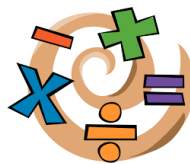
## History

In history, we will be focussing on the explorers Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong. We will be looking at chronology, where events fit on a timeline, and comparing the similarities and differences between the two explorers. We will be recapping our knowledge of the oceans and the continents so that we can better understand the routes that they took.

We will be investigating the equipment that they both needed, identifying why it is necessary for their journey of discovery. We will even be comparing the food they took on their voyage!

## Mathematics

Place Value  
 Mass, volume and capacity  
 Addition and subtraction  
 Money  
 Multiplication and division

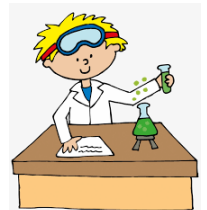


## Science

We will be building on our knowledge of materials from year 1. We will be focussing on the properties of materials, thinking about their sustainability and suitability for purpose.

They will be investigating why wood is used for furniture or glass for windows.

Encourage your child to join the fun at home by identifying materials and discussing their everyday uses!



## RE

We will be learning all about Hindu Dharma. We will be learning how the religion teaches people how to live kindly, respect others, and care for the world, and its special stories, gods, and celebrations like Diwali.

## Computing

Word Processing and Internet safety Day

## P.E:

### Dance/Gymnastics:

Children will be mastering basic movements – hopping, balancing, leaping and jumping in time to music.



## PSHE

Living in the wider world

- Belonging to a community
- Media Literacy and Digital Resilience
- Money and work



Please see the additional information regarding our PSHE learning for this half term, which outlines in more detail the objectives we will be covering.

## Music

We will be starting 'Glockenspiel Stage 1', using Charanga.