

Class 2 : AUTUMN TERM 2024

Welcome back to the new school year! Thank you so much for your generous gifts at the end of last term; we really appreciate your kindness. We are pleased to see the children are settling in well after such a short time back at school.

This term we are looking forward to our topic on Great Explorers. We are learning about Christopher Columbus for the first time and are excited about finding out about him together.

Science

Animals Including Humans - the children describe and compare the structure of a variety of common animals. Identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and explore their senses.

Seasonal Change - the children learn how to observe changes across the four seasons and observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies.

History

We will explore the lives of two famous explorers: Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong. To explore and plot the journeys of these two famous explorers. Children will find out how exploration of the world has changed.

RE

Judaism - Teshuvah - Why do Jewish families talk about repentance at New Year?

Incarnation - Why does Christmas matter to Christians?

Art & Design

Simple printmaking

Experimenting with shapes and objects

- Use repeating or overlapping shapes
- Press, roll, rub and stamp to make prints using everyday materials & objects
- mono prints

Artist: Lederer

Design & Technology

Food and nutrition - design and make a healthy sandwich.

English

Poetry - performance poetry.

Writing - We will be reading stories with patterned language and using this as a stimulus for our writing including writing our own adventure stories.

Non-fiction writing will be a non-chronological report about Neil Armstrong.

Maths

We will be concentrating on number and place value, securing fluency to 10, 20 and beyond. The children use concrete resources and part-whole models to help consolidate their understanding of patterns within numbers. Challenge is provided through reasoning to extend their thinking. Mathematical reasoning is the bridge between fluency and problem solving

Geography

Children will use maps and atlases to identify the continents and their oceans.

They will look at satellite maps and views from the international space station.

They will use aerial photographs to identify landmarks, plan perspective and identify basic human and physical geographical features.

They will learn to use simple compass directions to describe the location of features on a map.

PE

Fundamental Movement Skills - running, jumping, throwing and catching, as well as developing balance, agility and co-ordination.

Dance - develop balance, agility and co-ordination; perform dances using simple movement patterns.

Games - focus on: throwing, catching, sending, receiving, dribbling & aiming e.g. endzone, hoopball, hockey

Computing

Online Safety, maze explorers and questioning on Purple Mash.

Music

The children will be learning songs for Harvest Festival.

A range of singing and rhythm games to develop pitch awareness and musicianship skills. Exploring classroom instruments to contribute creatively to a class composition. Understanding musical contrasts.

PSHE

Relationships: What is the same and different about us? Who is special to us?

Zones of Regulation - recognising emotions and feelings.

Reading

Phonics

Spelling

Collective Worship