

Year 2 Spring Term 1: The Race to Space



History

- As historians, we will be learning to place events on a time line
- We will be exploring the history of space travel and learning about important astronauts and their achievements
- We will also look ahead to future space travel

Computing

- As computing technologists, we will be using a green screen app to create our own news reports. This will be linked to our work on dragons

Art

- As artists, we will learning how to use clay to sculpt our own dragon eyes, linking to the dragons we are creating and describing in our non-chronological reports
- We will also be learning how to draw dragons in a special workshop

Science

- As scientists, we will be learning about animals and their offspring
- We will also be developing our scientific skills by observing and carrying out our own investigations

Music

- As musicians, we will be learning about music from around the world and composing our own pieces, using those as inspiration

P.E.

- In our PE lessons, we will be learning about multi-skills in outdoor PE on a Wednesday and gymnastics in our indoor PE on a Monday

R.E.

- In our Religious Education lessons, we will learn about Islam and how Muslims pray



PSHE

- As citizens, we will be learning about dreams and goals, thinking about what ours are and how we will need to persevere to achieve them



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Welcome back after Christmas; we hope you had a lovely holiday.

Theme

Our new theme for this half term is 'The Race to Space'. We will focus on the history of space travel and be learning about important astronauts and their achievements. We will also be placing events on a timeline and learning about how space travel has changed and developed over time.

In Design and Technology, we will be designing and making our own moon buggies; based on existing designs and thinking about travel in the future. For these, we will need a shoebox or a box the size of a shoebox please. We will send a separate ParentMail with the date of when they are needed.

English

In English this term, we will be creating non-chronological reports about dragons. We will be using skills such as sub-headings, topic sentences and organising our writing effectively.

In reading, we will be exploring a range of texts about dragons to help us improve our skills of inference, prediction, vocabulary, retrieval and sequencing.

Maths

In maths, we are consolidating our learning on multiplication and division. We shall then move onto learning about fractions, measure and shape. Throughout the term, we will constantly be revising key number facts and previous learning. To support this at home, please make sure you help your child to learn their number bonds to 10, 20 and 100; as well as their 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables. They should also be using RM Easimaths at home if they have access to a computer.

PE Kits

Please check that your child has a full, named PE kit, which still fits them (including trainers and socks). We will be doing outdoor PE on a Wednesday and indoor PE on a Monday; however, this can change. Therefore, PE kits need to be in school at all times. If your child also attends a sports club please could you send them into school with a separate kit on that day, sometimes their PE kit ends up going home after the club and they are unable to do PE.

Library

Our library day is still on a Wednesday so please remind your child to return their book on that day. However, they can also go to the library during a Monday and Wednesday lunchtime.

Reading

Please ensure that you hear your child read every week and record this in their Reading Record. This is part of their homework and is really important for their learning; this does not always have to be their school reading book. They are given time to independently change their schoolbooks every Tuesday and Thursday morning.

Thank you for your continued support

The Year 2 Team