

Time Travellers

Through this theme, children will draw comparisons between two significant pioneers from the past e.g. Neil Armstrong and Christopher Columbus and identify similarities and differences. As Historians, children will compare the two pioneers, using a range of sources and look for similarities and differences between the two. As Artists, children will use paint to depict what the pioneers may have seen on their expeditions. As Designers, children will research, design and make a rocket, using given design criteria. As Scientists, children look at exercise and nutrition, thinking about how they can stay fit and healthy. In Computing, children learn how to stay safe online, in the context of using the Internet to research.

English

We will begin our Time Travellers project by writing a Non-Fiction information text about aliens and astronauts. Next, we will be writing a scary suspense story based on the books *The Dark* and *The Darkest Dark* written by the astronaut Chris Hadfield. We will end our project with some space themed poetry.

Maths

As Mathematicians, we will be developing a deep understanding of place value for numbers up to 100. We will begin to use practical equipment to explore different methods to add, subtract, multiply and divide. Throughout the term, we will develop our mastery skills and be able to explain why and how we know the answer to a mathematical problem confidently. Daily, we will have 'toolkit time' to develop our core maths skills including consolidating our number bonds to 10 and times tables.

Reading

In Year 2 we begin our skills-based Reading lessons. We will be working on developing our reading skills of prediction, inference and retrieval. We will also be exploring the authors use of vocabulary and using our explaining skills. We will be exploring texts including *The First Hippo On The Moon*, *The Dark*, *The Darkest Dark* and *The Field Trip to the Moon*.

Year 2 is an important year to develop your reading. Please ensure you are reading regularly at home to develop these skills further.

Music

As Musicians, we will explore the topic 'Travel'. We will learn to sing and play a musical instrument, explore tempo, timbre, and appropriate musical notations and listen to, review, and evaluate music, including the works of the great composers.

PSHE

In PSHE, our topic is 'How am I feeling?'. We will understand and name a range of feelings and recognise and explain the similarities and differences between physical and emotional feelings. We will explore how to make ourselves feel better and understand that feelings can change as they grow. Finally, we will learn how to manage and share our feelings and develop resilience and know of different ways of asking for help/support.

RE

In RE, we will be learning about leaders and teachers and linking this to our experiences and knowledge of different religions.

PE

Our PE days in Year 2 are every Tuesday and Thursday. Please ensure your PE kit is in school and labelled. In PE, we will be working with Burton Albion on multi skills and a range of sports. We will also be developing our dance and movement skills.

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