

Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter Spring 1 2024

Our topic for this half term is "Famous Explorers".

It will include a range of creative and interesting learning that will enable us to have a good knowledge of a significant event.



HISTORY

Famous Explorers



As Historians, we will be looking at Explorers such as Bessie Coleman, Ferdinand Magellan and Captain Robert Falcon Scott.

Key Knowledge and Skills:

We will explore the lives of significant individuals in the past who have contributed to national and international achievements. We will order events on a Timeline and use different sources in order to find out about significant events.



ENGLISH

Writing

We are focusing on Winnie in Winter. Children will be learning the structure of a wishing tale. We are focusing on the skills of subordinating conjunctions (if, when, because and that) and simple, past and present tense. Recognising using questions and commands.

Reading

We will be focusing on skills of retrieval and inference. We will continue to develop our vocabulary.

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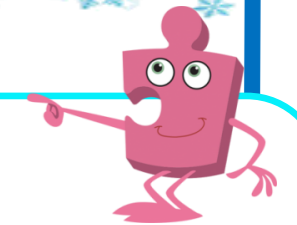
Dreams and Goals

We will be look at setting a realistic goal and how to achieve it.

We will explore the idea of perseverance to ensure that if challenges are in our way, that we overcome them.

Key Knowledge and Skills:

Choose a realistic goal and think about how to achieve it. Also to carry on trying (persevering) even when things become difficult.



Music

"I Wanna Play in a Band"

(Exploring Rock, Pop and Rock n Roll)

Key Knowledge and Skills:

Children will find a steady beat, use different rhythms, learn musical terms, learn a song and play an instrument individually and in unison. Children will have opportunities to begin to improvise and compose.

COMPUTING

We will be learning about coding using Purple Mash.

Key Knowledge and Skills:

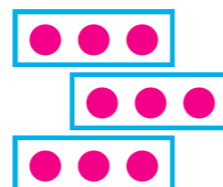
We will know how to use the technology to discover how algorithms can be converted to code, to create an algorithm, use different commands, compare codes and de-bug programmes.



MATHS

We will be exploring money, looking at the value of coins and notes up to five pounds.

Also, we will be learning about multiplication and division and know how to use repeated addition, arrays, grouping and sharing.



SCIENCE

"Animals, including Humans"

Key Knowledge and Skills:

We will work scientifically to investigate what key elements we need in order to survive and grow. We will discover the importance of nutrition and exercise.

We will know what the basic needs of animals for survival are, how they adapt to their habitats, lifecycles, and will investigate animals and their young.



PHYSICAL EDUCATION



pike

We will be focusing on Gymnastics, developing co-ordination and stability.



straddle

Key Knowledge and Skills:

We will know how to make a sequence. We will develop our fundamental movement skills, becoming increasingly competent and confident. We will have a broad range of opportunities to extend our agility, balance and coordination, individually and with others.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Key Knowledge and Skills:

We will build on knowledge about Christianity. We will know and understand more about what makes something puzzling or mysterious. Also, we will express and communicate ideas and thoughts together.

We will gain and use the skills for RE to ask and respond sensitively to 'big questions'

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

We will be investigating healthy eating and creating a healthy sandwich.

Key Knowledge and Skills:

We will know to perform everyday tasks confidently. We will be using our designing, testing and evaluating ideas. We will understand and apply the principles of nutrition. This knowledge will be applied when making a healthy sandwich.



HOMEWORK PROJECT: Choose a species of penguin and create a 3D model and a fact sheet about it. To be handed in by: **Monday 5th February.**