



# NEWSLETTER

For Year 2  
Spring 2019



## Welcome

Welcome back! We would like to thank you for the Christmas wishes we received. They were very much appreciated. We hope you have had some time to relax and enjoy the Christmas holiday too and that all the children are now raring to go!

Here is our Spring term newsletter which provides details of this term's curriculum activities. This term there will be lots of interesting and imaginative learning opportunities during our exciting topic 'We are Explorers'. Through this topic we will be looking at Pirates and then moving on to Space.



## Sports

A reminder that all children are expected to wear the correct sports/PE kit in school. This consists of a plain white T-shirt (with no logos), red shorts and black pumps, (please check the size!). PE kits should remain in school every day and will be sent home half termly. An outdoor sports kit (dark blue or black tracksuit, white T-shirt and trainers) will also be required.

## Book change days and messages

Changing books will take place first thing on a Monday and a Thursday. Books will not be changed unless an adult has recorded that the whole book has been completed. Please write any messages in your child's reading record and ask your child to hand it to us in the morning.

## Homework Information

Please note the children will continue to have times table tests. The children will be given the times table to learn and will then be tested the following Monday.

### Homework timetable:

<b>Monday:</b>	Times tables Reading
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Reading
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Reading
<b>Thursday:</b>	Mathematics books for the following Monday. Reading
<b>Friday:</b>	Spellings to learn for a test the following Friday. Reading.

\*There may be occasional additional pieces of homework to support your child's learning. \*



# Topics



This term our topic is 'We are Explorers', studying Pirates and then Outer Space.

**ENGLISH:** We will be reading and writing stories about pirates and space, writing recounts and writing instructions. We will create information texts as well as write letters and messages in bottles. We will also be exploring poetry by the same author to use as models for our own writing.

Throughout this term we will be looking at reading for understanding and answering written comprehension questions. Phonics, handwriting and spelling work will be continuous. It would be great if you could work with your child to read and spell the common exception words for Year 2.

**MATHEMATICS:** Big maths investigations, problem solving and written methods of calculation using all four operations. Some of these objectives include:

- To add and subtract, 2 two-digit numbers within 100 (e.g.  $48 + 35$ )
- To use estimation to check that their answers to a calculation are reasonable
- To recognise the inverse relationships between addition and subtraction.
- To recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 multiplication tables to solve simple problems.
- To use different coins to make the same amount
- To solve word problems that involve more than one step
- To find and compare fractions of amounts
- To read the time on the clock to the nearest quarter of an hour and 5 minutes.

**HISTORY:** We shall study the Moon landing of 1969 and the timeline of Space exploration.

**GEOGRAPHY:** Through the Pirates section of our topic, we will study the Continents and Oceans, conduct map work, create treasure maps and look at our own locality.

**DESIGN TECHNOLOGY:**

We shall be using clay this term to create our own treasure chests.

**SCIENCE:** The children will learn about the properties and uses of different materials. They will also be learning about plants and the functions of different parts of the plant will be continuous and explored through our Welly Wednesday sessions. The children will also conduct research about the Solar system during Topic lessons.

**ART:** Exploring using different media and techniques to create works of art linked to our topic work of pirates. They will learn to evaluate their own work and work of their peers.

**ICT:** The children will create animations using the Scratch programme. The importance of Internet safety will be taught throughout the term with Internet Safety morning being held on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February**.

**R E.:** People in Stories- Christian and Muslim Traditions; Easter and Eid-ul-Fitr.

**We are looking forward to a fun packed term. Please do not hesitate to contact us if there are any issues that may arise or you have any questions.**

**Yours sincerely**

**Mrs Smith and Mrs Carson**