

TOPIC / THEME:

This term, it's 'Land Ahoy!' as we explore the seas and shanty's related to pirate life and the infamous Captain Cook. We'll look at how lighthouses work and explore how to innovate our own, find about the life of Grace Darling, and see if we have what it takes to become an ocean explorer! As this is a Geography driven topic, Year 2 will find out about surrounding seas and weathers linked the oceans and explorer case studies we read about.

READING

Reading is an invaluable part of your child's education and is key to learning in all subjects across the curriculum. We aim to develop our children into confident and fluent readers, and to broaden their vocabulary, by exposing them to a rich diet of high-quality texts from a range of different genres.

Reading in Year 2 is taught daily to focus on deepening their reading decoding and understanding. It is taught through a systematic approach to phonics using the Read Write Inc. scheme where the children will participate in daily lessons during which their phonic knowledge is developed and applied enabling children to read with fluency and expression. Books are carefully matched to the reading ability of the children to allow them to build their fluency as well as their understanding of the texts they have read.

Children are encouraged to read at home as often as possible, through their own choice of authors and genres from our extensive library, which increases their vocabulary and spelling skills to add to the valuable work that we carry out in class, and using any books they love to read with family and friends.

WRITING

Our first narrative is based on 'A Cloudy Lesson', where the children will have the opportunity to write four part stories with a range of sentence types. They'll revisit coordination and subordination, and continue to independently add capitals and full stops with consistency. This text will also allow them to develop some dialogue and use punctuation accurately. Our non-fiction piece will be a leaflet linked to our topic, where we will pass on our knowledge of sea explorers to consolidate new learning and develop a piece in a non-fiction writing format.

MATHS

We are recapping our learning this term to develop a deeper understanding of arithmetic and enhance our independent reasoning skills.

We will cover further arithmetic, specifically missing number problems, column methods and times table work, and revisit telling time, using fraction bars to find amounts, measures and word problems.

P.S.H.E.

Physical health and Mental wellbeing

Children will learn:

- about routines and habits for maintaining good physical and mental health
- why sleep and rest are important for growing and keeping healthy
- that medicines, including vaccinations and immunisations, can help people stay healthy and manage allergies
- the importance of, and routines for, brushing teeth and visiting the dentist
- about food and drink that affect dental health
- how to describe and share a range of feelings



- ways to feel good, calm down or change their mood e.g. playing outside, listening to music, spending time with others
- how to manage big feelings including those associated with change, loss and bereavement
- when and how to ask for help, and how to help others, with their feelings

COMPUTING

This unit is designed to help children learn about the importance of phrasing questions and that certain data-handling resources are limited in the answers they can provide.

SCIENCE

Our Science topic is Plants. In this unit, children are introduced to the sequence of germination and comparing and contrasting the requirements of a germinating seed. Their knowledge will be applied to investigations, so they learn more about plants such as a suitable growing temperature. They will use their existing knowledge and observations to make predictions at the start of investigations.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Anand Karaj is the Sikh marriage ceremony, meaning "Act towards happiness" or "Act towards happy life". Year 2 will be finding out about Sikh weddings and having their own reception where there is plenty of fun, food and dancing.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Year 2 are studying invasion games this term with Andy, working in teams to move in and around space clearly and follow game rules.

MUSIC

Our song focus this half term is called 'The Friendship Song', a reggae song written especially for children. In this song you learn about singing and playing together in an ensemble. As well as learning to sing, play, improvise and compose with this song, children will listen and appraise classic reggae songs.

