



Year 1 and 2: Spring 2

‘Moon Zoom’

English

This term in English, we will begin by researching and learning all about Neil Armstrong and the Apollo 11 mission to the moon. The children will be producing their own non-chronological reports to showcase everything that they have learnt. We will then move onto a unit of poetry, where we will be producing our own poems for Mother’s Day ready for our Special Ladies Assembly later in the term. Towards the end of the term, we will begin a narrative study looking at Julia Donaldson’s ‘The Smeds and the Smoos’ where we will be writing about our own alien adventure to a different planet”

Maths

In Year 1, we will be continuing our addition and subtraction unit where we will be learning a variety of strategies to explore calculations up to 20. We will then progress onto exploring the place value of different numbers up to 50.

In Year 2, the children will be continuing their unit looking a multiplication and division skills. This will focus on the multiplication and division facts derived from the 5, 10 and 2 times tables.

Hook day

This term our topic is ‘Moon Zoom’ and we will be having our **Hook Day on Thursday 22nd February 2024** when we will be being visited by a travelling planetarium. Each class will have a session in the planetarium learning all about space. In addition, the children will be exploring different space rockets and creating their own junk modelled space rock to send on a mission to the moon.

Topic

Through this topic, we will be exploring two significant people linked to space travel. We will begin the term by learning all about Neil Armstrong and the Apollo 11 mission to put the first man on the moon. We will be exploring why this was so significant to the world. Later on in the topic, we will then learn about British astronaut Tim Peake and explore how his time on the International Space Station was so important for Britain. At the end of the topic, we will use all of our knowledge to make a comparison between the two astronauts. This will feature as a part of our Space Exhibition we’ll be putting together for our novate project.

RE and PSHE

RE - In RE this half term, we will be focusing on the unit called ‘Why was Jesus welcomed like a king or celebrity by the crowds on Palm Sunday? The children will be exploring why Jesus was so important and special to the people around him and relating this to qualities the children admire in other people. The children will then spend some time retelling the Easter Story from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday.

PSHE - In PSHE, we will be focused on the unit ‘Healthy Me’ where the children will be exploring what makes a healthy lifestyle and how to make healthy food choices. The children will also learn about how medicine makes them better and how to cross the road safely.

Other subjects

Science - In Science this term, we will be learning about the various properties of different materials. We will then make comparisons between different materials, based on their properties, and then apply this knowledge to create a special wrapping paper which Neil Armstrong could take into space.

PE- This half term our focus is on Rugby Tots and dance. In Rugby Tots, the children will be refining their throwing and catching techniques as well as beginning to participate in a competitive game. In dance, the children will be exploring different ways to move their bodies to express feelings and ideas. The children will learn how to link a sequence of 3 dance movements to make a short routine. The children will begin to dance with control and coordination.