



THE JOURNEY TO THE MOON

Summer 2 2023

Topic

Our Year 2 focus this half term will be a history-based topic focussing on the moon landings called Journey to the Moon.

The children will initially learn about significant events in space travel between 1940 and 2023. We will then focus on significant astronauts, watch the moon landings and create timelines to depict key events. Once they have deepened their knowledge regarding the moon landings, they will write their own recount of events. We will also create art using pastels based on the Moon.

We will then turn our attention to explorers Matthew Henson and Neil Armstrong and compare them with other explorers we have already studied.

Reading

Reading is the most important skill a child can master. Children complete Star Reader tests each half term and are then given a reading range from which they can choose their reading books from Accelerated Reader. We dedicate a minimum of 25 minutes a day to reading these in school alongside guided reading sessions. When they finish a book, they complete a quiz on the book in school. However, please encourage your child to read their book of your choosing each night for at least 20 minutes. Please write in your child's reading log so they can receive certificates and prizes. We also encourage reading for pleasure for which they can explore any reading material of their choosing. Our new library is much loved by Year 2 and we spend as much time in there as possible.

Science

In Science, our focus this term is recycling and the process of it.

We will then move on to look at forces, particularly friction and the ways in which different materials impact this on ramps.



reading plus

Home Learning



In year, children will be provided with weekly homework and spellings to learn. These will go out on a Friday and must be returned on the following Wednesday. We ask that you support your children where possible and ask for support should you require it.

Year 2 Trip:

Our trip to Captain Cook's Museum will take place on Thursday the 8th of June. This is in normal school hours and we will be back for the end of the school day.

Maths

In maths, we will initially continue learning about fractions. We will then move on to length and measure, position and direction, time (o'clock, half past, quarter to and quarter past) and mass and capacity. Children will continue to focus on their 2, 5 and 10 times tables and any support with this at home is greatly appreciated as fluency is so important.

English

In English, we will be creating persuasive adverts advertising an extremely exciting and rare opportunity to go on holiday to the Moon! We will also be writing non-chronological reports about famous explorers. Please offer as many opportunities for your child to write as possible at home to support their writing skills.

Computing

This term, we will be studying Coding using Purple Mash 2Code. They will learn how to write algorithms and debug them.

They will also be designing their very own aliens and turning them into graphics on 2create. They will also be studying databases.

P.E.

Year 2 pupils will be focussing on playing team games this half term, studying attacking, defencing and using tactics.