



THE JOURNEY TO THE MOON

Spring 1 2024

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 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 Space Camp

Year 2 will have the opportunity to take part in Space Camp - a sleepover at Errington where they will spend time around the campfire and star gaze amongst other exciting activities. Look out on Parent Mail for more details.

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.

Maths

In maths, we will initially continue learning about addition and subtraction. 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.

Science

In Science, we will be continuing to look at animals and their habitats.

We will then look at recycling and the importance of this in the modern world.

Computing

Children will design their very own aliens and turn them into graphics on 2Create. They will also be studying databases. Please continue to talk with your child around the topic of E-Safety.

P.E.

Year 2 pupils will be focussing on Gymnastics this half-term. The class will be work with a visiting PE coach from the School Sport Partnership in January who will help to develop their Gymnastic skills.