

Year 2

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Welcome to Spring Term

What an amazing first term we have had in Year 2! The children have been incredible and have been working so hard. It has been lovely to hear about the children's Christmas holidays and see their smiley faces. In the Autumn term, the children thoroughly enjoyed learning about The Great Fire of London and what London looked like in the 17th century.

This term our topic is called Explorers where the children will be learning about different explorers in the past and present and placing them on timelines. This term in Year 2, the children will be learning lots of exciting new things across the curriculum.

Upcoming Events

- 16 January - Year 2 Trip to Wimbledon Buddhist Temple
- 6 February - Number day
- 13 February - Open afternoon
- **13 February - Break up for half term**
- W/c 16 February - Half term
- **23 February - INSET day**
- W/c 9 March - Science week
- 10 March - Parents' evening - in-person appointments
- 12 March - Parents' evening - online appointments
- 23 March - Rocksteady Concert (for children who are part of Rocksteady)
- **27 March - Break up for half term - Finish at 1:30pm**
- W/c 30 March - Easter holidays
- 13 April - Back to school



Keep an eye out for the weekly newsletter on a Friday to see other dates regarding any other events.

School Trips and Donations

This term we will be going on a trip to Wimbledon Buddhist Temple and we have other exciting trips planned. More information to follow when confirmed.

Please could we kindly ask for a donation of £5 to cover the cost of our cooking ingredients for the rest of the school year.

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English

In English, we will be enjoying a range of engaging texts, starting with *Man on the Moon* by Simon Bartram, followed by *Way Back Home*. The children will be learning different describing skills to add description to a character or setting. We will then move on to reading and writing biographies, focusing on explorers such as Amelia Earhart from the *Little People, Big Dreams* series. The children will also have the opportunity to write both fiction and non-fiction texts throughout this term.



Maths

In Maths, we will continue to develop our understanding of multiplication by focusing on the 2, 5 and 10 times tables and looking at the relationships between them. They will be using their knowledge and understanding of multiplication to solve equations before moving on to exploring division and understanding what it means to share and group. We will also be learning about 2D and 3D shapes, identifying their properties and exploring where we see them in everyday life. Towards the end of the term, the children will revisit adding and subtracting two-digit numbers to build confidence and fluency.



Topic

In our Topic lessons this term, we will be learning about explorers. The children will learn about a range of explorers from the past and the present and discover where they travelled and why their journeys were important. We will compare different explorers and look at how their journeys were similar and different. The children will also learn about the challenges explorers faced and how they overcame them. Through stories, discussions and activities, we will explore what makes someone a significant explorer. This topic will encourage curiosity, questioning and an understanding of the wider world.

In Science this term, the children will be learning about living things and their habitats. We will explore what a habitat is and how it provides everything a living thing needs to survive. The children will learn about different types of habitats and the plants and animals that live within them. We will also look closely at microhabitats, such as under logs, in leaf piles and around ponds, and discover why these small environments are important. Through observation and simple investigations, the children will learn how living things are suited to their habitats. This learning will help develop their curiosity and respect for the natural world.

In RE, the children will be learning about Buddhism. They will be introduced to key ideas, stories and symbols from the Buddhist faith. We will explore the importance of Buddha and learn about some of the important teachings of Buddhism, such as kindness and mindfulness. The children will also look at special places, objects and celebrations that are important to Buddhists. Through stories, discussions and activities, the children will be encouraged to reflect on how Buddhist values can be shown in everyday life. This will help them develop understanding and respect for different beliefs and cultures.