



## Year 2 Term 1

### Movers and Shakers

#### Welcome to Year 2!

We have an exciting term ahead of us! If you have any questions please ask your child's teacher.

#### English

In English, over Term 1, the children will be given the opportunity to develop their creative writing skills. They will begin by securing their basic understanding of sentence structure before considering the language they are using. For example, adding adjectives to create descriptive pieces.

#### Maths

Within our Math lessons, the children will begin by being able to represent numbers. As they move through the term they will also deepen their understanding of number by studying place value and 1 or 10 more or less.

**Numbots:** Children can access this at home. Log in details will be sent home.

**TT Rockstars:** In Year 2, we focus on our 2, 5 and 10 times tables. These can be practised on TT Rockstars. The log in details are the same for this as numbots.

#### History

This project teaches children about historically significant people who have had a major impact on the world. They will learn to use timelines, stories and historical sources to find out about the people featured and use historical models to explore their significance. Individuals that we look at include Captain James Cook, Christopher Columbus, Emmeline Pankhurst, Florence Nightingale, Henry VIII, Isaac Newton, Joseph Lister, Marie Curie, Martin Luther King Jr, Mary Anning, Neil Armstrong, Paul Cezanne, Queen Victoria, Roald Amundsen, Rosa Parks, Vasco da Gama, Vincent van Gogh, William Shakespeare.

#### Geography

Within our Geography lessons this term, we will be exploring the world. This essential skills and knowledge project teaches children about atlases, maps and cardinal compass points. They learn about the characteristics of the four countries of the United Kingdom and find out why there are hot, temperate and cold places around the world. They also compare England to Somalia. Children carry out fieldwork, collecting primary data in their locality to answer geographical questions.



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### Religious Education

This term in RE we will be exploring Christianity. Our enquiry question is 'Is it possible to be kind to everyone all of the time?.'

We will use this question to explore how Christians might follow Jesus' example of being kind to people.

### Science

This term we will be exploring the topic of human survival. This teaches children about the basic needs of humans for survival, including the importance of exercise, nutrition and good hygiene. They learn how human offspring grow and change over time into adulthood.

### P.E.

**Dragonfly: Monday**  
**Butterfly: Thursday**

*Please remember that earrings need to be taken out and correct PE Kit worn to school that day.*

Our first 'Real PE' unit focuses on personal skills. We will be building on the core physical skill of coordination.

### Design and Technology

In DT this term, we will be exploring remarkable recipes. This teaches children about sources of food and tools used for food preparation. They also discover why some foods are cooked and learn to read a simple recipe. The children choose and make a new school meal that fulfils specific design criteria.

### PSHE

Our PHSE focus for the term is resilience. We will be working towards the goal 'I know what resilience looks like'.

### Careers

Our career of the term is electrician. We will be exploring what they do and the skills they need to succeed.

### Music

Our music unit is entitled 'Hands, Feet, Heart' which focuses on the style of South African music.

### Recommended Reads

#### 50 books for Year 2

*Little People, Big Dreams* – Rosa Parks, Emmeline Pankhurst, Neil Armstrong.