



This term the Year 2 topics this term are **Explorers** and also **India**
The topic offers many cross-curricular opportunities and will be closely linked to our DT and Art work.

This term's topics:

**Topics: Famous Explorers
India**

Science: Plants and Minibeasts

Art: William Morris

RE: Islam

Summer Term in Year 2

There will be more new and exciting topics for the children to learn about. We will be exploring these new areas and in addition, revisiting some of the key concepts that have already been learnt this year. We hope that the following information is useful in helping to support your child in their learning.

Home Learning

The children are expected to read at least four times a week for a minimum of 10 minutes. We encourage parents to ask questions to check their child's understanding and explain their thinking.

There will also be one to two pieces of curriculum based work. These should be completed by pupils within a 20 minute time frame.

Work will be set on a Friday and should be returned by the following Wednesday.

Please also use the websites listed to help your child consolidate their learning.

Useful Websites



Topic

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/>
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primary/history/famouspeople/>
<http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/homework/india/>
<http://ngkids.co.uk> (look up India)

Maths

<http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/>
www.topmarks.co.uk (Hit the Button game)

www.nrich.maths.org

www.mymaths.co.uk

Literacy

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/literacy/>

Science

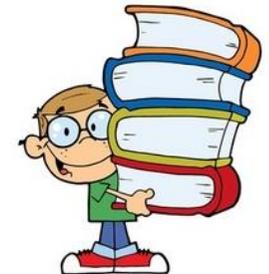
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/science>

Class visits, visitors and special events

If any parents would like to share their experiences of living in India, or send in any artefacts from the country, we would love to hear from you.

If any of our Muslim parents would be willing to come in and talk to the class about their faith, we would greatly appreciate your help and insight.

Please contact your child's class teacher.



This term, as part of their core subjects of study...

Maths

This term the children will be continuing to develop their skills in:

Number – addition and subtraction, odd and even numbers, halving and doubling, multiplication as repeated addition and arrays, division, partitioning (hundreds, tens and units) and using and applying number pairs to 10, 20 and 100.

Measurement– Weight, time, capacity, money

Shape- 2 and 3 D shape

Data handling- interpreting block graphs

There will be a strong emphasis on problem solving and reasoning. You can help your child by asking them to explain the methods they are using to solve problems in homework tasks. It is also useful to practise multiplication tables with them.

English

We will be writing extended stories and using Roald Dahl's book 'The Twits' as a stimulus to write humorous stories. The children will also read and write poems based on nature and their senses. We will also write non-fiction texts and brochures linked to their 'India' topic. We will also be working on developing their use of metaphors in their creative writing. We will continue to develop their use of punctuation, interesting vocabulary, using conjunction (such as 'and, but and 'so') and trying to start sentences with a range of opening phrases.

Science

In Science, we will be learning about Plants and Mini-beasts. The children will learn about plants and animals in their immediate environment and how differences between places very close to each other result in a different range of plants and animals being found. They will also learn that plants and animals reproduce.

We will be doing SATS this term. Please help to support your child by completing their homework and reading with them regularly.

As part of their wider, topic related studies...

History

This term the children will be learning about famous explorers. In particular we will be learning about Captain James Cook and Christopher Columbus.

Computing

In ICT the children will be continuing to learn about the importance of E-safety and will be discovering how to create a branching database in order to classify plants and animals. They will also be developing their skills in digital imagery.

PE

Please ensure that children have their PE kits in school at all times and that their kit is named and their plimsolls fit! We will be focusing on key skills such as balance and coordination, ball skills, throwing and catching and preparing for sports day.

PSHE

Our topics this term are 'Changes' and 'Relationships'. We will be talking about what makes us special and what makes us different from each other.

RE

We will be exploring Islam and answering questions such as:
Why is the Qur'an important to Muslims?
Who is Muhammad (pbuh)?
Who is Allah?
Why are mosques special?

Geography

We will be learning about India. We will look at the human and physical features of the country, including the weather.

The following website may be of interest to you:

www.oddizzi.com

Art

We will be looking at printing and in particular the work of William Morris. The children will have the opportunity to design and create their own printing blocks before producing their own wallpaper sample. Please provide a named apron or old, large shirt for your child to keep in their tray.

Design and Technology

We will be designing and making delicious Indian dishes based upon the ingredients from the book Grandpa Chatterjee.

Music

We will be continuing to learn how to play the recorder. Please ensure that your child brings their recorder to school each week. We will also be looking at the musical tradition of reggae.