



Dear Parents and Carers,

Our topic for Spring Term is 'Little Explorers'. A large focus will be learning about two different historical explorers and how they came to be significant people. We will be beginning our journey focusing on a 'little explorer' that is quite partial to a marmalade sandwich!

### **English**

We will be using the key text 'Paddington' to start off our English learning this half-term. We will be learning unfamiliar vocabulary, making predictions and asking different questions. We will be learning how to write a short descriptive summary of the story Paddington and beginning to extend our sentences with a few different conjunctions. We will be learning the suffix 'ed' and incorporating this within our writing. We will also learn the features of a postcard and will be writing our own postcards as explorers.



### **Maths**

In Maths we will be focusing on place value to 20 and addition and subtraction to 20. We will be learning about the 'teen' numbers and how we use tens and ones to understand the value of a two-digit number. We will be using a number line again to show our understanding of numbers to 20 and greater than and less than. We will be making links to numbers to 10 when finding number bonds to 20, doubles and different addition and subtraction facts within 20.

### **Science**

Our focus in Science will be on the season winter and making links to the season Autumn to discuss what is the same/different. We will also be looking at our body and the different parts of our body, especially focusing upon our senses.

### **History**

We will have a large history focus this term, looking at two significant individuals and their key historical events. This term, we will be looking at Captain Scott and his voyage to explore and locate Antarctica. We will be focusing upon the key events that occurred and why he is a significant explorer that we remember today.



### **Art**

In Art we will be learning about the artist 'Andy Warhol' and how he uses colour and printing to create his artwork. We will learn about primary and secondary colours and how we can mix primary colours to create secondary. We will then have a go at printing our own desired shapes to create an effect like a silhouette.

### **PE**

We will be continuing our learning of gymnastics during this term, looking at rolls, different ways of travelling and balancing on both small and large equipment. Our external provider (Mr Bourne) will be teaching the children skills needed in invasion games such as tag rugby.

### **Music**

In music, we will be looking at two different composers and how they use different interrelated dimensions of music to create suspense and a story within their music. We will be focusing on Vivaldi's piece of music 'four seasons – winter' and two pieces of music by the composers Gustav Holst and Philip Glass. We will then be creating our own compositions for a flight to the moon.

### **PSHE**

We will be focusing on a unit about our 'health and well-being' and understanding what being healthy means and how we can keep ourselves healthy by eating the right things and exercising. We will also be looking at what we can do to keep ourselves safe.

## Computing

A large focus of our computing curriculum this half-term will be based on Internet safety. We will continue to teach children how to keep safe when online. They will respond to different scenarios to show their understanding and create an online safety poster. We will teach children about the range of different devices that can access the Internet and discuss the importance of keeping our personal information safe.

## Geography

In geography we will be learning to name and locate the 4 countries of the UK and its capital cities. We will be learning about some of UK's key landmarks and traditions. We will be looking at different maps and learning about position and directional language. We will be creating our own map of the school grounds and thinking carefully about the different features of a map.



## Key dates

Kind regards,

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