



Dear Parents and Carers,

Our topic continues this term as 'Little Explorers'. We spent last half term learning about an explorer called Captain Scott who went on an expedition to Antarctica. This half term, our focus will be on an explorer that has visited the moon!

English

In English, we will be focusing upon a story called 'Ossiri and the Bala Mengro'. This focuses upon a young traveller girl who creates her own musical instrument from a willow branch and lots of recycled objects. This is told by a Romani storyteller and it offers a fascinating insight into Travelling lifestyles and cultures. We will be recreating our own story retell based on a part of the story.

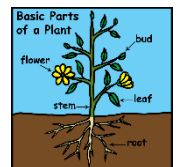


Maths

In Maths we will continue to focus on our unit addition and subtraction to 20. We will be making links to numbers to 10 when finding number bonds to 20, doubles and different addition and subtraction facts within 20. We will be applying our understanding of place value with tens and ones to numbers to 50. We will then be looking at our unit on length and height and comparing and measuring these.

Science

Our focus in Science will be on the parts of a plant and identifying common garden plants and wild plants. We will also be looking at the signs of spring and the different changes that occur during this season.



History

We will be focusing upon the explorer Neil Armstrong and his expedition to be the first man on the moon. We will be looking at the whole journey that he took and why he is such a significant individual today.

Music

In music, we will be looking at two different composers, Gustav Holst and Philip Glass and how they use different interrelated dimensions of music to create suspense and a story within their music. We will then be creating our own compositions for a flight to the moon.

PSHE

We will be focusing on a unit about 'Healthy me' and how it is important to ensure that we have a healthy diet, exercise and lifestyle to help us learn, grow and achieve. We will be placing great importance upon the need for sleep, exercise, healthy diet and regular water throughout the day.

RE:

We will be focusing upon a variety of bible stories from the New Testament to explore how Jesus is a good friend. We will then learn about the Easter story from the bible and particularly focus on Palm Sunday and how Jesus was welcomed into the city by the crowds.

D & T: We will be learning to create our own free-standing rocket structures using a variety of recycled materials and straws. The children will be designing their own versions, creating these and then evaluating them at the end to highlight anything that they might do better next time.



Key dates

Key dates for your diary	
When?	What?
Spring 2	Week beginning 4th March World Book Week , including library visits and sponsored read. <u>Please let your child's class teacher know if you are able to help with walking to / from the library.</u> Library Visits: Monday 4 th March, 10.45 – 11.30am (Sycamore) Tuesday 5 th March, 1.30 – 2.15pm (Willow & Maple) Thursday 7 th March, 10.45 – 11.30am (Beech) Thursday 7 th March, 1.30 – 2.15pm (Cedar) Friday 8 th March, 11 – 11.45am (Oak)
	Friday 15th March Comic relief / Red Nose Day
	Tuesday 19th March Robert Miles Club Easter Party (after school)
	Week beginning 25th March Easter celebrations
	Monday 25th March Holi (Hindu festival of spring, love and new life)
	Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th March Parents' Meetings (separate letter sent – please check bookbags)
Thursday 28th March – Last day of Spring 2 Easter Holidays start Friday 29th March. Monday 15th April is an INSET day Children return to school Tuesday 16th April 2024.	

We would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for your continued support with the children's learning and events we have in school. Thank you for taking the time to read with your child at home and encouraging them to complete their homework.

Kind regards,

The Year 1 Team