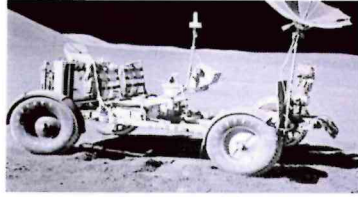




We Love Exploring!



Our topic for the Summer Term is 'We Love Exploring.' During Summer 1, we will be learning about Neil Armstrong and finding out why he was a famous explorer. We will also be creating our own poems and we will be designing and building a moon buggy.



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HEALTH & WELL-BEING & CITIZENSHIP

We will be looking at how we can look after ourselves, both physically and mentally. We will talk about and name our own feelings and the feelings of others and understand that our actions can affect others around us. This half term, we will be having weekly E.M.U sessions, exploring rules and why we have them, how to keep ourselves safe and how to deal with different situations. **Talk to your grown ups about the rules you have in your family and why they're there to keep you safe.**

MUSIC

We will remind ourselves what pitch, tempo, dynamics, ostinato, crescendo and decrescendo mean and what the beat and rhythm of music is. We will be exploring the origin and history of two pieces of music: 'Rondo alla Turca' by Mozart and 'Baris - Gong Kebyar of Peliatan.' **Listen to them both at home – what do you think? Do you like/dislike them? How do they make you feel?**

GEOGRAPHY

In Geography, the children will be able to name the seven continents and use a globe/map to identify and label them. The children will also be introduced to the vocabulary: poles and equator. **You could find out about the effects the poles and the equator have on the weather.**

HISTORY

We will be asking questions to find out about the famous explorer Neil Armstrong and will use search engines to research the answers. We will also be ordering significant events in Neil's life in chronological order and will create a PowerPoint to demonstrate the facts that we have learnt. **Can you research Neil Armstrong at home and find out facts to share with your friends in class?**

SCIENCE

In our Science studies, we will understand that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults. We will also explore and compare things which are living, dead and have never been alive. **Look around your home/garden – can you organise items into living, dead and never been alive?**

P.E

In PE, we will be learning new knowledge and skills for net and wall games. The children will develop their understanding of attacking and defending principles and develop their throwing, catching, tracking and hitting ball skills. **Which sports use net and wall skills?**

DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

Our DT focus is to design and build a moon buggy. The children will begin by exploring wheels and how they move. They will use components to create and assemble examples of wheels, axles and axle holder combinations. The children will discuss designs for Neil Armstrong's moon buggy and generate simple criteria. They will then mark out, hold, cut and join different materials for their moon buggy. **Look at images of a moon buggy to help you when designing your own. Start to think about what you will need and how you will do it.**

LITERACY

We will be continuing to encourage the children's love of reading and have a wide range of texts for the children to enjoy. We will be answering questions about the texts to encourage our understanding of what we've read and to add to our new and interesting vocabulary. In Phonics, we will continue to introduce and recap the alternative graphemes for the different sounds and we will be writing words and sentences with both these and our common exception words in.

The children will become familiar with poetry, understand the structure of a poem and will write their own. They will also be following a set of instructions and writing their own to build a moon buggy. **Thank you for reading at home - remember to complete your Reading Log for us to see at school!**

MATHS

In maths we will be continuing to develop our skills in number. This will include; improving our mental recall of number facts and applying them in different contexts.

We will be looking at measuring length and height and we will be exploring statistics. We will also embed our mathematical knowledge using problem solving and look at telling the time.

Do you know how to tell the time? Can you practice telling the time on both analogue and digital clocks?

COMPUTING

We will be raising our awareness to know the importance of internet safety. We will be using ICT to purposefully create and amend a multimedia presentation and we will learn how to use a search engine. **Can you use a search engine to research Neil Armstrong?**