

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

I hope you have all had a good half term holiday. We are very excited about the learning for this term, including an Explorers WOW Day!

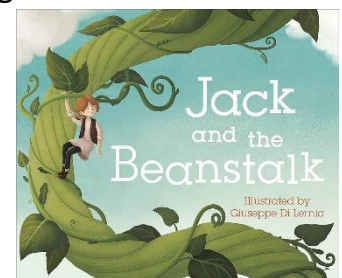
Kind regards,

Miss Moylan

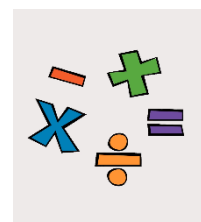
We will be continuing to explore our big question: Is exploring important? In History, we will be learning about a range of influential and significant explorations. This term, we will be looking at a local explorer Ed Strafford, who was the first person to walk the length of the Amazon River and Alfred Wainwright, who created seven Pictorial Guides to the Lakeland Fells. In Geography, we will be locating and exploring the Amazon River. We will also be looking more in depth at the United Kingdom, locating and identify the four countries of the United Kingdom and identifying some of key features. In Design and Technology, after locating where different fruit and vegetables come from around the world, children will design their own salads, selecting appropriate tools and ingredients.



In Literacy, the children will have several opportunities to write in a variety of genres. We will be starting off the term by writing a retelling of the traditional tale 'Jack and The Beanstalk.' We will then move onto writing a non-chronological report about Neil Armstrong. During these lessons, children will practise writing skills. Some of these using the correct tense and using conjunctions to join two or more sentences together. The children will also continue to develop their reading and writing with daily phonics lessons in individualised, smaller groups.



In Maths, we will continue learning about addition and subtraction. We will build upon our prior knowledge of place value and partitioning to recognise fact families. We will also be moving on to look at multiplication and division, using concrete objects, pictorial representations and arrays.



In RE, we will be exploring our big question: What do Muslims do to celebrate birth? We will be learning the importance of community (ummah) in Islam and that Muslims belong to a worldwide community. We be learning how Muslims believe that the birth of a baby as a blessing and is something that they give thanks for. – The children will start to make connections between family life and living out religious beliefs and be able to ask questions about the world around them.

In Guided Reading, the children will be taught VIPER reading skills such as, how to make predictions, use inferencing to help understand the text and retrieve information from text to answer comprehension questions. We are continuing with 'James and The Giant Peach' by Roald Dahl, as our class book.



In Science we will be learning about the seasons: Autumn and Winter. The children will go on to look for signs of the seasons during an observational walk., plan tests and gather and record data to help in answering questions. They will also be able to explain how and why day length changes and make observations of a deciduous tree overtime.



In Computing, we will be exploring the world of digital art and its exciting range of creative tools. We will be to creating our own paintings, while getting inspiration from a range of other artists.

In Music, we will be exploring timbre and rhythmic patterns. We will be learning that an instrument or rhythm pattern can represent a character in a story. The children will make changes to their voices to represent a character, play a rhythmic pattern along with their spoken words and understand that different types of sounds are called timbres.

In PSHE, our next unit is 'Celebrating Differences'. We will be learning how differences make us all special and unique.



Homework and Spellings

The most valuable homework you can do with your child is to set aside a short and daily piece of time where you share, read and enjoy books together.

The children will also need to complete other pieces of homework and spellings. Your child 's homework will be set on Mathletics one week and then on Reading Eggs Express the following week. This will be set each Friday

commencing on Friday 8th September. Please ensure your child's homework is completed by the following Thursday.

PE

PE lessons will be on a **Thursday**, please can you ensure your child comes into school in their PE clothing.

Outdoor Education

The children will have one session of Outdoor Education each week on a **Thursday**. Please can the children come to school dressed appropriately and ensure they bring in a waterproof coat and a pair of named wellies.