



Why do we explore?

Dear Year 2 Parents / Carers,

Year 2's next driving question is 'Why do we explore?' We will be basing our topic around Explorers, in particular Edward Wilson and Christopher Columbus. This topic is cross curricular so our English, History and Geography will all be linked to our question.

In English we will look at a recount, two narratives and some poetry throughout the term. As always it would be beneficial if you could continue to read as regularly as possible with your child to help stimulate their imagination.

In Maths we will be covering multiplication and division, properties of shape, time and fractions. We will continue to focus on securing a deep understanding of each topic, challenging the children to explain their understanding through a range of reasoning questions. In fluency lessons we will be learning our 2, 5 and 10 times table as well as consolidating counting, addition and subtraction skills from the Autumn term. The children have their logins for Numbots and Times Table Rock stars in their reading records, please can they continue to access these as much as possible. It would be beneficial if they directed more of their focus towards TT Rockstar for this term.

In Science we will learn about seasonal changes in which we will observe weather patterns over time. We will also learn about plants and learn how they grow through practical investigations.

In our Geography we will be learning about the continents and oceans as we learn about those who explored them. We will also teach the children about different human and physical features within our lessons.

Our homework expectations remain the same, children are expected to read daily, learn weekly spellings, practise their KIRF target and use TTRockstars/Numbots. Spellings will be sent out in the first week we are back and will be tested each Monday. We encourage children to read as much as possible because through reading the children broaden their vocabulary to use within their writing.

As we head into the colder weather children will need a full PE kit including jogging bottoms and jumper for outside PE. From next term, children will need to wear their PE kit to school on Tuesday. Children will wear their PE kit all day - they DO NOT need to bring their uniform on this day. Please ensure children have the correct PE kit.

I hope that the children are looking forward to the next topic as much as we are! They have a very busy term ahead of them but we are sure they will rise to the challenge.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We hope you all have a restful and enjoyable Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Kind Regards,

Mr Allard, Mr Wooding, Mrs Joscelyne, Mrs Dee and Miss Bargus