



## What do you need to be an explorer?

Dear Year 2 Parents/Carers,

Year 2's next driving question is 'What do you need to be an explorer?' We will be basing our topic around Explorers, in particular Edward Wilson, Christopher Columbus and Amelia Earhart. This topic is cross curricular so our English, History and Geography will all be linked to our question.

In English we will look at two narratives and a recount as well as continuing to develop the children's phonics skills through Read Write Inc. We will continue to teach handwriting regularly throughout the week as well as developing the children's reading comprehension skills as they begin to read for understanding. As always it would be beneficial if you could continue to read as regularly as possible with your child to help stimulate their imagination and record this in their reading records.

In Maths we will be covering multiplication and division, money, properties of shape and statistics. 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 Rockstars in their reading records, please can they continue to access these as much as possible. We will introduce the children to TT Rockstars, it would be beneficial if they directed more of their focus towards TT Rockstars for this term.

In Science we will learn about materials and their uses and properties. We will apply this knowledge to our DT project to build boats.

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 and use TTRockstars/Numbots. We encourage children to read as much as possible because through reading the children broaden their vocabulary to use within their writing. Additional homework tasks may be set on ad hoc basis.

Children will need to continue to wear full PE kit to school on Thursdays.

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 Rogers, Mrs Dee, Mrs Brooks and Miss Cullen