



Year Two Newsletter: Summer 1 2022

Extravagant Explorers

We hope you have all had a well deserved and enjoyable Easter break and are feeling refreshed, ready for our new half term! We will be spending this half term learning all about Explorers and will celebrate our learning with an Explorers theme day on Tuesday 17th May. On this day, your child can come dressed as a famous explorer or wear explorer themed clothing. We will carry out lots of explorer themed tasks on the day and embrace our Humanities curriculum.

We are fortunate to have the support of Miss Scott in Ellington class this half term. Miss Scott is a postgraduate trainee teacher and is completing her final placement with us. The children have been really enjoying her lessons and she is a welcome asset to the Year Two team.

As some of you will be aware, this half term our pupils will be undertaking the end of Key Stage One statutory assessments. We will complete these assessments between 3rd-20th May in and amongst taking part in lots of exciting, cross curricular activities. You may find this weblink useful: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/key-stage-1-and-2-national-curriculum-tests-information-for-parents>

If you have any questions about the tests or any school-related issues, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us at the end of the school day or via email. Our addresses are as follows: Ellington: hannahshillaker@saltaireps.co.uk (Mon-Wed) and suewoolley@saltaireps.co.uk (Wed-Fri). Please address emails to us both to enable the best quality of care for your child. Glennie: zaiabakhtar@saltaireps.co.uk

Our Learning Theme	Important Dates:	
Extravagant Explorers	<p>Wednesday afternoons: SPS university is now taking place on Wednesday, rather than Friday, afternoons</p> <p>Tuesday 17th May: Explorers celebration day</p> <p>Thursday 14th July: Eureka trip. More information to follow</p>	
Homework	Reading	PE Days
<p>Homework books were sent home at the end of last half term containing maths and English tasks. Please record any work you have been doing at home: we will regularly check your child's book to see how they have been getting on.</p> <p>Please return your child's book during the last week of the half term so we can mark their work and provide feedback.</p>	<p>Children have weekly reading sessions where they read, answer questions and talk about a shared text but can we encourage you to read with your child at home as often as possible, ideally daily.</p> <p>Your child has a set day on which we change their reading book but please make sure your child's book is in their school book bag each day as we do try to hear children read when we can.</p> <p>If your child is on Accelerated Reader, they are encouraged to let us know when they have finished their book and then they can take a quiz before a new book is issued. In Ellington class, we will ensure to complete a quiz on your child's specified house reading day.</p>	<p>Monday with Mrs Shillaker and Mrs Akhtar: Outdoor PE - Athletics</p> <p>Thursday with Miss Brett: Indoor PE - Throwing and Catching Please note this is a change of day from Wednesday, as it was previously.</p> <p>Please ensure children are appropriately dressed in school PE uniform on Mondays and Thursdays. We will try to go outside as much as possible so please do ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather.</p>



Year Two Newsletter: Summer 1 2022

Curriculum		
English	Maths	Science
<p>We will be finding out about the famous explorer Ernest Shackleton and creating persuasive adverts to encourage recruits for his ship.</p> <p>Later in the half term, we will be writing diamante poems, applying our knowledge and understanding of word classes.</p>	<p>This half term our focus will be Measurement: length and height and Geometry: position and direction. We will choose and use appropriate standard units to estimate and measure length/height using rulers, scales, thermometers and measuring vessels. We will also be using mathematical vocabulary to describe position, direction and movement.</p>	<p>Animals Including Humans</p> <p>We will be looking at animal young and comparing them to their adults. We will look at how animals change as they grow up and be introduced to life cycles drawing on their own observations.</p> <p>We will look at healthy lifestyles, including the importance of exercise, healthy eating and hygiene.</p>
Humanities	Computing	RE/Music
<p>In our history lessons we will be learning about famous explorers through time such as Ibn Battuta and Felicity Ashton. In geography, we will be investigating the types of places explorers often choose to travel to and comparing and contrasting different landscapes of the world.</p>	<p>During computing this half term, we will discuss examples of instructions for everyday situations and ensure the individual steps are accurate and sequenced correctly to create an algorithm. We will also encourage children to explore and play with a range of virtual and physical programmable devices and discuss what they have learnt.</p>	<p><u>RE</u></p> <p>We will be thinking about community and belonging. We will be learning to understand why Muslims visit the mosque and to explore whether this gives them a sense of belonging.</p> <p><u>Music</u></p> <p>This half term our music is focused around a song called The Friendship song.</p>
PSHE		
<p>In PSHE we will be learning all about how to be the best version of ourselves, through looking after ourselves physically and mentally. We will be considering how to be clean and healthy and what our bodies need.</p>		