

Class 1 Topic Letter

Spring Term 2 2019

Explorers



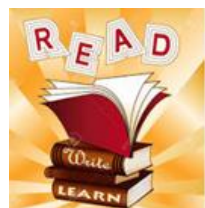
Whittingham
C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Class Teacher - Mrs Fortescue supported by Mrs Manners

Why are explorers so important?

Welcome back! I hope you have all had a lovely half term break and that the children are well rested and ready for the half term ahead.

In Literacy the children will be reading and writing instructions, recounts and poetry. Where possible these will link with one of the other subject areas, particularly, Geography, History or Science. There will also be a focus on phonics work for the Year 1 children as well as spelling, grammar, punctuation and handwriting for all children.



It is expected that children will read to an adult at home every night for a minimum of 10 - 15 minutes and that their reading record is signed. The children, especially those in Year 2 can also comment in their reading record to say what they enjoyed about the book. **Reading books should be in school every day.**

In History the children will be learning about the lives of significant individuals in the past who have contributed to national and international achievements. The main focus this half term will be Neil Armstrong.



During this learning the children will explore and answer the following questions.

Has man ever been to the moon and how can we know for sure?

Why did the astronauts risk their lives to go to the Moon?

How were the astronauts able to get back safely?

What did they do when they got to the Moon and how do we know?

Does everyone agree that we should continue to send people to the Moon?

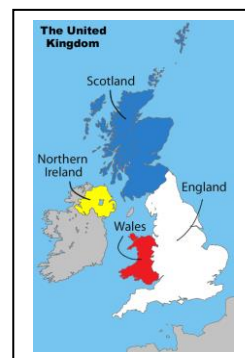
How should we commemorate this great achievement?

In Numeracy the children will learn about Multiplication and Division, Place value, Fractions, Length and Height, Mass, Capacity & Temperature.



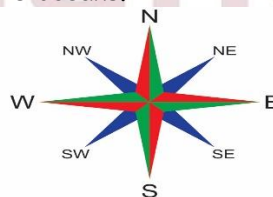
They will also be developing their skills in mathematical fluency, reasoning and problem solving. There will be some homework around these areas of learning and we would appreciate your support by helping your child at home with this.

In Geography the children will learn about the four countries, and their capital cities, which make up the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas.



They will also record the weather which will be an ongoing project across the year noticing changes in the weather and the seasons.

As part of this work the children will also learn about the points of a compass. To link with topic work they will also find out about the 7 continents and 5 oceans.



In R.E the children will be learning about festivals and celebrations.

Hinduism with a focus on Hindu stories,



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In Computing the children will learn how to use 2Publish to create an information booklet. Use technology purposefully to create, organise, store, manipulate and retrieve digital content. They will also use technology safely and respectfully, keeping personal information private; identify where to go for help and support when they have concerns about content or contact on the internet or other online technologies. The children will also begin coding using J2code.

In Art and Design the children will be looking at Portrait Painting, using a range of paint, pastels and pencils creatively to design and make portraits. Use drawing, painting and sculpture to develop and share their ideas, experiences and imagination. Develop a wide range of art and design techniques in using colour, pattern, texture, line, shape, form and space.



In Music we will explore musical elements through our fun and exciting new music scheme 'Charanga'. Music units:
Glockenspiel - Stage 1
Round and Round

In Design and Technology the children will be making Moon Buggies. They will design, make and evaluate their products, making links with their work on materials in Science.



In PSHE The children are learning about 'Going for Goals'.

The children should come to school on a Monday in their P.E kit. On Monday afternoons they will go to Willowburn Sports Centre in Alnwick for swimming. Class 1 will also have P.E on a **Wednesday** please ensure that your child has their P.E kit in school every day.



In Global Citizenship and SRE class 1 will be learning about Body Parts (Y1)
Naming Body Parts (Y2)
Across the term they will be working on achieving the UNICEF Rights Respecting School Award.

In Science the children will learn about materials and their uses.

Yr1 children will distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made. Identify and name a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, and rock. Describe the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials. Compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of their simple physical properties.

Yr 2 children will identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses. Find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching

This will be linked to work in D.T and knowledge gained will help children to design and make their moon buggy.

Many Thanks Mrs Fortescue