

Curriculum Overview – Class 2

Spring 1st Half Term

Topic: Space

English – This term Class 2 will be writing biographies about Tim Peake to link with our ‘Space’ topic. Through this we shall be looking at using fronted adverbials in our writing to signal chronology.

In the second unit we will be writing adventure stories. Again this is to link in with the focus on space exploration and space explorers.

Maths – In maths the focus will be working on estimating, calculating and measuring different measures including time, money, area and perimeter.

Science – Years 3 and 4 will study ‘Electricity’ as the focus for this half term.

We will identify common appliances that run on electricity, construct a simple series electrical circuit, use switches and recognise some common conductors and insulators, and associate metals with being good conductors.

Y2 will be investigating ‘Everyday Materials’.

We 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; as well as find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.

Computing – Class 2 will be building on their computing knowledge and applying this to programming using Scratch.

Music – through the music of Holst’s Mars the children will create a sequence of long and short sounds, compose and perform melodic song and create rhythmic patterns with an awareness of timbre and duration.

P.E. – Class 2 will be learning about dance on a Thursday afternoon, in particular sequencing large and small gestures. With Mr Warriner on a Monday, the children will be developing their Orienteering skills. Please make sure that P.E. kit is in all week, just in case it is needed at other times during the week.

Art/D.T. the children will investigate, design, make, test and evaluate rockets.

Educational Visits – later in January, the children will have the opportunity to go in a star dome, which will be coming to school. This will be a fantastic opportunity for the children to see the different constellations up close and to ask lots of questions about different stars, planets and other features of the solar system.

Homework – Home work will go out on a Wednesday and will be due in on a Tuesday. It will be linked to the learning that has taken place in school.