

Year 2 Curriculum Learning Overview - Spring 2022 Explorers

Please find below an overview of your child's learning and open ended homework this term. If you require more detail, please see the subject planning documents available on the website.

English

We will be developing our spelling and phonics and applying it to different sentence types. We will learn about exclamation sentences, statements, commands and questions, and how to recognise them and write our own.

Mathematics

We will be developing our understanding of Multiplication and Division, Statistics,
Shape and Fractions. We will use a range of practical resources and written methods
to prepare for the Key Stage One Statutory Assessments (SATs),

Science

Living Things and Their Habitats and Plants

We will be learning to identify plants and animals including microhabitats. We'll be able to describe the food chain and how animals get their food. We'll also look at how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants and what they need to grow and stay healthy.

History

Explorers

We will be learning about significant explorers including Amelia Earhart, Marco Polo and Helen Sharman. We'll discover how exploring has changed over time and how the actions of explorers in the past have impacted our lives today.

Geography

The Oceans and Continents and Physical and Human Geography

We will be developing our locational knowledge of the world's oceans and continents We will look at the seasonal and daily weather patterns in different areas of the world.

Design

Technology

Flag:

We will be designing and making flags for an explorer to use. We will focus on designer Orla Kiely and her repeated patterns.

Art

Andy Warhol

We will be finding out about the life and art of Andy Warhol, who used printing to create his portraits. We will be creating artwork famous explorers using similar techniques.

Music

Classic Rock Music

We will be learning to sing, play, improvise and compose together as an ensemble. We will listen to and appraise a range of classic rock songs.

RE

Judaism

We will be learning about
Judaism and what is precious
to Jewish people. We'll look at
special objects like the
mezuzah and what is inside it.
We'll learn about the story of
Passover and why it is told
every year.

Computing

Coding

We will be learning how to create algorithms and how to use left and right turn commands to get a 'sprite' to move from one place to another. We will also learn how to debug our algorithms if something does not work.

Our Values at Fitzwilliam



Respect
Responsibility
Resilience
Recognition



Gymnastics and Hit, Catch

PE

We will be learning about how we can move our bodies in different

We will also continue to develop our bat and ball skills. Learning how to hold a bat properly and use the skills in different outdoor games.

PSHE

Living in the Wider World

We will be learning about money; how we work for it, it's different forms and how we look after it. We will be learning about being a part of different groups and about different rights and responsibilities that we have in school and the wider community.



Year 2 Open-ended Homework - Spring 2022 Explorers

Children should complete at least one piece of homework from the suggestions below but they can do as many as they would like or may create their own project linked to the curriculum work. Homework can be brought in or posted on Class Dojo at any point during the term. It will be shared in class that week and they will receive and appropriate number of stars.

In addition to this, children will have the following weekly homework:

English: Your child will have a weekly English activity to complete each week, linked to punctuation and grammar. Children will be expected to read at home regularly each week and also practise their weekly spellings in preparation for weekly spelling test.

Mathematics: A mathematics activity to help practise their arithmetic will also be set each week. Practising number facts, number bonds and times tables at home, which can include using Numbots or Times Tables Rockstars, is also expected.

Homework will be set every Friday and is expected to be returned by the following Friday at the latest. Children will be rewarded with stars for returning homework early and those not returning homework will complete in school on the following Friday. Please support your child with your chosen homework and enjoy learning with your child.

Talk about...

Look for some information in books or on the internet about Marco Polo, Amelia Earhart and Helen Sharman.

Who was Amelia Earhart and why is she an important historical figure?

Who was Marco Polo and why is he an important historical figure?

Who is Helen Sharman and why is she an important historical figure?

Mark make...

Draw a picture of one of our explorers: Marco Polo, Amelia Earhart and Helen Sharman.

Create a map for Marco Polo to help him on his travels.

Imagine you're an
explorer – draw or write
the things you would take
in your rucksack.

Find out...

How travel has changed over time?

How did explorers in the past impact our lives today?

What happened to Amelia Earhart?

Where was Helen Sharman from?

Design & make...

A model of Amelia
Earhart's' plane that flew
her across the Atlantic
Ocean.

A model of Helen Sharman's rocket that took her to space.

A model to show the journey of Marco Polo from Venice to Beijing.

Do...

Take pictures of different types of transport.

Become an explorer and recreate Marco Polo's journey.

Create an explorer tent in your house and imagine you're an explorer.