



WHAT WE ARE LEARNING: Year 2, Autumn 1, 2024–2025

Dear Parents and carers,

Here is our topic for this half term. Please also see the Creative Homework sheet and Knowledge Organiser for ideas about supporting your child's Learning Journey.

Wow Event/Hook: We will go outdoors to be mighty explorers! We will build shelters, go orienteering and make a telescope.



As Readers we will:

Use our inference VIPERS skill to help us understand times from the past and use our vocabulary VIPERS skill to become familiar with vocabulary linked to our science and geography topics. We will practise comprehension skills linked to our topic.

As communicators we will- We will perform a poem in a small group.

As Authors we will:

We will write instruction on how to be a mighty explorer and learn grammar and punctuation skills.

As Artists/Designers we will:

Develop our sketching skills to draw a shell and watercolour skills to create a background.

PSHCE- JIGSAW theme: Being me – Look at class rules and discuss our hopes and fears for Year 2.

As computing experts we will: Code and program Beebots across a treasure map, reinforcing our knowledge of compass directions.

As E-Safety experts we will: Learn about different devices which connect to the internet and how to use passwords to keep me safe.

As Historians we will: Study the lives of Ibn Battuta and Marco Polo and compare their life achievements.

As Scientists we will: Think about the properties of materials and which would be most suitable for a pirate ship.

Religious Education: To discover and learn about the sacred books from Judaism, Islam and Christianity.

As Music will: Learn to sing and perform sea shanties.

As Athletes we will: Learn different fundamental fitness skills.

As Geographers we will: Look at the different continents and oceans that explorers have travelled across. We will develop our map skills and look at compass directions.