



## Year 2

Dear Parents and carers, welcome back to school after what I hope has been a fun and relaxing winter break for you all.

Our first topic this half term will be 'Exploration'. This is a mainly history based topic which focuses on Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong. We will look at and compare their early lives and what drove them to become an explorer. We will also be looking at the locations they explored and how this led to the development of many aspects of life. The children will then move on to a unit exploring Florence Nightingale and the developments that she made to medical practise.

In art we will be completing a sewing unit where we will be designing and creating our own explorers bags. We will then go on to an 'earth art' unit where we will use natural objects to create art.

In science we will learn about animals including humans and we will move onto plants before half term.

### Weekly timetable

#### **Monday:**

- Homework given

#### **Wednesday:**

- PE (please ensure indoor and outdoor kit is in all week)

#### **Thursday:**

- Homework books in (every Thursday please!)

#### **Friday:**

- Spelling test and times tables
- PE (please ensure indoor and outdoor kit is in all week)

**Reading books need to be in school daily.** *Please can children be trying to read at home every day, even for 10 minutes! This is something I have seen have a huge impact on reading levels and confidence. I cannot emphasise enough how important this is.*

In English and maths we will be covering the National Curriculum objectives.

#### **English:**

In English we will be writing through a range of genres, including reports, stories and poetry.

#### **Maths:**

In maths we will cover a range of topics including: place value, calculations, shapes and measures. We will apply this to real life situations where possible.

### **Other!**

**PE:** please remember to bring in a PE kit and appropriate footwear.

**Computing:** In computing this term, we will be learning about messages and virtual worlds.

**RE:** This half term the children will be learning about 'special places of worship'.

**PSHE:** This will cover a range of topics and come in many forms, including: assemblies, discussions in class and PSHE lessons.