

Year 2  
Spring 1

# Curriculum Newsletter



Important Dates:  
INSET Day - Fri. 14<sup>th</sup> Feb.  
PE – Mondays &  
Wednesdays

In **English**, we will be looking at the text 'The Man on the Moon' by Simon Bartram. We will begin by writing a setting description including possessive apostrophes and expanded noun phrases. We will then focus on past tense, contractions, subordinating conjunctions and the suffixes -er and -est and use these skills to write a diary entry from the perspective of the main character, Bob.

Following this, we will look at 'Amelia Earhart: Little People, Big Dreams' which links closely to our work on different explorers in History. We will learn how to add the suffixes -ful and -less to create adjectives before using a range of skills to write a biography about her life.

In **Maths**, we will be continuing our prior work on addition and subtraction, adding and subtracting ones and tens with and without bridging over tens boundaries. We will further develop our knowledge of related facts and extend this by using these facts to derive facts to 100.

Following this we will look at shape, focusing on identifying and describing the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. During our work on multiplication and division, we will continue counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and solve a range of multiplication and division facts that involve these multiples.

In **Science**, we will be building on our learning from Year 1 by looking at 'Making New Plants'. We will learn that all flowering plants make seeds (reproduce) that can grow (germinate) into new plants. We will continue to develop our knowledge of what plants need to survive, grow and stay healthy and will explore this further by using our observational skills over time through investigations.

In **Art**, we will be exploring the work of Canadian artist Ted Harrison, who is famous for his colourful Arctic landscape paintings. We will extend our prior learning on primary and secondary colours by exploring harmonious colours and creating shades and tints. Then, we will explore how to create mixed media artwork using collaging materials. Using all of these skills, we will then plan and create our own mixed media landscapes inspired by Ted Harrison.

In **History**, we will be exploring the life of significant individuals who contributed to national and international achievements. We will learn about Captain James Cook (an English explorer, navigator and cartographer), Matthew Henson (potentially the first person to stand at the North Pole) and Neil Armstrong (the first man ever to walk on the Moon).