

# YEAR 2 AUTUMN TERM: Exploring the Unknown

## Our focus values this term:

### **Aspiration & Respect**

#### Maths:

Number – place value (within 100)

Number – addition and subtraction (within 100)

Measurement – height, length, mass and capacity

Number – multiplication and division (commutative)

Home learning ideas: It would be beneficial for the children to practice their times table and skip counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.

Art and Design Technology: Working in line with our theme of the unknown we will be looking at space and the deep sea. Children will be able to use a range of materials and techniques to create pieces of artwork.

#### Things to remember this term:

Homework will be given out every Friday to be returned the following Wednesday.

Reading: We ask that the children read at least 3 times a week, on Monday, Wednesday and Friday for 15 minutes.

#### Key dates:

Trip/visit

Theme: Our theme this term is Exploring the Unknown which will be reflected in the books that we study and the topics we cover in the wider curriculum.

English: The focus texts for this term are The Dark by Lemony Snicket and Into the Forest by our class author, Anthony Browne. The children will be able to explore different styles of writing and grammatical tools to develop their own writing skills.

Phonics: In phonics the children will be focusing more on their spelling skills in stage 6, using their knowledge of stages 1-5. This will support them in their reading which will be invaluable for the Year 2 SATs towards the end of the year.

Home learning ideas: We continue to encourage you to listen to your child reading regularly, asking questions about the text to cement their comprehension.

French: ...

Science: We will be following the Empiribox curriculum focussing on States of Matter this term. Children will have the opportunity to observe and carry out investigations and experiments while recording and interpreting data.

Geography/History: Following our theme we will be looking into the world's oceans as well as the seas surrounding the United Kingdom. Linking to the space aspect of the theme, in History we will be looking at the life of Tim Peaks as well as significant events beyond living memory.

Spiritual, Moral, Cultural Education (SMSC) & R.E: This term the children will look into Judaism; what do Jewish people believe and what are their significant celebrations?

PE: Year 2 will be having PE lessons on both Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. The Tuesday session will be partially taught outside (weather permitting) by a specialist coach.

Music: The children will have a music lesson each Tuesday with Mrs Kin where they will be developing their skills in rhythm and general musicality.

Computing: Each week the children will have a Computing session where they will be looking into Coding, Spreadsheets and the ever important Online Safety.

