**Our theme this half term is: Journeys**

Our learning this half term will be focused around our theme Journeys. We will be linking Journeys and Explorers in all our subjects. In Literacy we will be doing much fact finding about explorers and linking to history. In Design Technology the children are designing and then making a vehicle.

**English**

We will begin our literacy in Year 1 and 2 with poetry and in particular train journey poetry. We will learn the runaway train and look at Robert Louis Stephenson’s train poem. Hopefully by the end of this half term the children will be to recite this famous poem off by heart.

Then we will look at Dougal the Deep sea Diver and Man on the Moon both books by Simon Bartram. We are also going to be taking part in the brilliant book awards which will be very exciting. Details of the BBA will follow next week.

**Numeracy**

We will be covering shape, addition and subtraction, length, data handing, money, problem solving and multiplication and division. We will be applying mathematical areas to our topic where possible and we will be applying methods learned to practical activities and real life situations. We continue to follow the abacus scheme.

**Understanding the world**

The children in the Foundation Stage will be concentrating on Journeys and transport. They will be looking at transport from the past and we will be talking about journeys that the children have been on.

**Design Technology**

The children will be learning all about moving vehicles, they will be given a chance to label and discuss the differences in vehicles and how they are structured. The children will then plan and develop their own vehicle. The Early Years children will make a group junk model and explore vehicles with a variety of construction materials.

**Physical Education and Physical Development.**

On Wednesday the children will be having PE lessons with Sports School in which they will be concentrating on ball skills which they have enjoyed in the past and on Thursday the lessons for the next 5 weeks we will be concentrating on floor gymnastic work, such as travelling and movement work. We also make sure that the children know how to keep fit and healthy.

**Humanities**

This half term we are going to study History and we will concentrate on explorers. We began this week by looking at significant people from the past and current day.

We will be covering one of the first explorers Ibn Battuta, Neil Armstrong, Christopher Columbus and Arctic Explorers.

**Computing**

This half term in computing, starting with algorithms also looking at programming by linking to Scratch. .

**RE** We will link our RE to people who are special to us, Discussions on why we are special and what Jesus did to become special to us. We will look in detail at friendships through studying Jesus and his Disciples.

**Role Play and Small World**

The role play this half term will be a space station and journeys to space then transport around the world. The small world will be City Life where the children can take different vehicles on journeys around the town the children have helped to develop. In the outdoor area we will have a transport role play and a car wash.

**PSHE**

In PSHE this term we will be looking at courage, believing in yourself and achieving goals.

**WORSHIP** Our theme this half term is community

**Important Information**

**Home reading books – Please can you make sure your child has their reading book in their bag at all times and can you try and listen to your child read daily.**

**Spellings – Year 1 and 2 will get new spellings every Monday and will now be tested on these the following Monday. This will give all children a full week to learn their spellings.**

**Phonics – Reception children have now looked at every letter and blend. They continue to have phonics daily and they revisit all the letter names and blends so that they are embedded by the time they leave the Reception class. For the children who are confident with all the letter sounds and blends will be bringing home a weekly set of words to learn on sight.**

**Water Bottles – Please could your child bring in their own water bottle labelled with their name as this is much more hygienic.**

**PE Kit – Please can you make sure your child has a pair of jogging bottoms or leggings preferably black in their PE Kit as there will be some weeks when Sports School will take the children outside, and it is rather chilly. Please make sure all items are named.**

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**EYFS parents can now pop in to the canopy room again on Tuesday and Wednesdays at 3.20pm if they would like to look at their children’s learning journeys or have a chat with Miss Ormerod learning.**

**Thank you for your continued support. Please do come and speak to us if you have any questions regarding our learning this term**

**Mrs Taylor & Miss Ormerod**