



Dear Class 2 Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the summer term! We hope you had a lovely Easter holiday and that the children are refreshed and excited for their summer term of learning.

This term is already busy, and we have lots of very exciting things planned in class 2, our brief plans for our topic of “How explorers have changed the world” are listed below so that you have an outline of what we are planning to learn.

<b>HOW EXPLORERS HAVE CHANGED THE WORLD</b>	
English	In English, we will be looking at a variety of texts, as well as the way to include all the non-negotiables of writing such as capitals, full stops, punctuation, connectives, adjectives and other grammar elements. Our texts will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Augustus and his smile – focusing on fiction, Amazon fact files</li><li>• Jellyfish non-fiction text</li><li>• Carnival competition writing</li><li>• Rio carnival factual writing</li></ul>
Maths	Maths will continue to focus on the four main operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will be looking at using our written methods and applying them to solve word-based challenges.
Science, and STEAM	This term, we have two units of work: Living Things and Their Habitats – where we will learn about where different animals live, how living things depend on each other, and food chains. Plants – focusing on how seeds germinate and what happens during the growing process.
DT	This is an exciting unit where we design and make a moving vehicle using wheels and axles.
History	History will focus on the lives of significant people such as Neil Armstrong, Mae Jemison, Bernard Harris Jr, and Tim Peake. We will be thinking about what they achieved and comparing their achievements.
Geography	Our lessons in Geography will look at how our lives would be different if we lived in South America,
Art	Our art will be focusing on sculptures initially and creating stick people. We will also be looking at different techniques and applying them to create carnival costumes and masks. Our second unit will be linking music and art.
RE	The main question that we will be focusing on in RE is What is the Good News Jesus brings?
PSHE	In PSHE, we will be continuing a programme called the Archbishops Young leaders award – more details to follow! This will run alongside our PSHE scheme where we look at relationships.
Computing	Computing will focus on simple coding and programming using a computer programme called Scratch.
Music	Our music lessons will be based on the Carnival of the Animals – looking at pitch and dynamics within music.
PE	There will be two key areas this term in PE: - Athletics and Tennis Please ensure PE kits are in school all week – thank you.
French	We will start a unit of work on French speaking as the term progresses, preparing the children for year 3.

### **A few quick reminders about class 2:**

- Please having PE kits in school, all week.
- Homework on maths.co.uk will be set on a Friday. There is also Times table rock stars which the children can access.
- If you are able to keep a spare pair of wellies in school, it means that we are able to have impromptu sessions in the Forest Area.

We have a very exciting trip planned for early June– I will let you know more about this once all the planning is completed 😊

Finally, please remember our door is always open if ever you have any concerns or questions.

Looking forward to a fun and enjoyable term working with your children,

Best wishes,

*Mrs Smith*