



English

As writers we will be reading the books by Simon Bartram about Bob the Man on the Moon as a basis for writing stories about travelling to the moon. We will be using the facts we have learned about Neil Armstrong to pen a simple biography about the famous astronaut. Finally, in connection with our topic, we will write a historical adventure story based on the travels of Sir Francis Drake.

Mathematics

As mathematicians we will continue to learn our two, five and three times tables. We will deepen our knowledge of addition and subtraction of 2 digit numbers, shape and fractions. We will look at how data can be presented in different ways, including table and pictograms. Towards the end of the half term we will focus on multiplication and division.

Science - What is our school made of?

As scientists we will continue our work exploring forces. We will use parachutes to investigate gravity, making links with our work about Neil Armstrong. We will link our history and science work again when we use sail boats to investigate wind power.

Computing

During computing, we will be developing our research skills in connection with topic and science work, as well as practicing phonics, reading and spelling.

Year 2 – Spring 2

Our topic will be:

Why were Neil Armstrong and Francis Drake very brave people?

History

As historians we will be studying the lives and achievements of famous explorers, including Neil Armstrong and Francis Drake. We will be conducting research using the internet, books and fact sheets, sequencing historical events, and recounting life histories using our key English skills. We will also be completing our work comparing seasonal and daily weather patterns in different parts of the world.

Music

As musicians, we will continue to learn about pulse and rhythm. We will explore using our bodies to find the beat of a song, looking at dance and using musical instruments.

Art/Design Technology

As artists, we will be looking at how we can use shading to make circles appear as spheres. We will use these skills and our imagination to create images of new solar systems. We will also be considering the work of Turner and other artists who have painted tall ships and the sea.

PE

In outdoor PE (Wednesdays) we will be taking part in games activities and challenges with our PE specialist from Hemsworth Academy.

PSHCE

During our PSHCE work we will be focusing on how we can deal with feelings of tension and worry, and learning relaxation strategies. We will look at how we can work together and play our part in a team, and how to stand up for yourself in a way that makes everyone feel ok.

Enrichment

This term, we are looking forward to our Visitor from the Past, an Elizabethan sea rover who sailed with Sir Francis Drake as he became the first man to circumnavigate the Earth. He will tell us the story of the famous voyage and demonstrate artefacts used by sailors at the time. The children will roleplay imagined adventures as a stimulus for their writing.

Important Information

This half term Year 2 children will have outdoor PE lessons each Wednesday. Please could you ensure that a suitable kit is provided on these days. This should be black shorts and a plain white t-shirt, plus a school jumper combined with black track suit bottoms on colder days. Trainers will be needed for outdoor lessons.

For further information about uniform, please see: <http://www.havercroftacademy.org/uniform/>

Ideas for helping your child this half term

- Read together as often as possible
- Help him/her to learn the two, five and three times tables.
- Use the internet and books to learn about the life of famous explorers