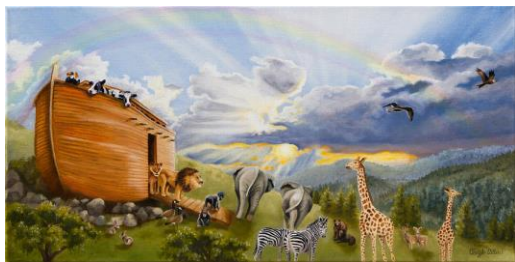


Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week, we welcomed the children back after the summer holidays. All children have settled beautifully and have made an excellent start to life in Year 2! Below is an outline of what we will be learning this half term.



Religion

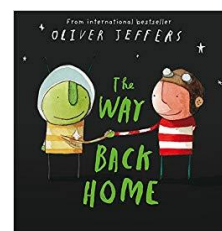
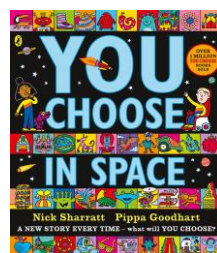
This year, we will be starting a brand new RE scheme called Lighting the Path. This half term, our topic will be called 'Creation and Covenant.' We will be reflecting on the Creation Story, learning about God's covenant with Noah and learning about the Sacrament of Baptism.

Our overall topic and theme what we will teach children through is called, **To Infinity and Beyond!**

English

This half term in English we will also be reading these texts and using them as a stimulus for writing:

- You Choose in Space by Nick Sharratt and Pippa Goodhart
- The Way Back Home by Oliver Jeffers
- Rocketmole by Matt Carr
- Aliens Love Underpants by Freedman & Cort



We will be focussing on structuring simple sentences using 'You Choose in Space' as a stimulus for writing. Year 2 will also be sequencing the story of The Way Back Home and re-writing the opening, focusing on the use of adjectives. We will also watch a short film, Baboon on the Moon, using this to write simple letters. The children will also use Aliens Love Underpants to create their own aliens and complete some descriptive writing. Our non-fiction genre for this half term is instructions. The children will write instructions for how to make a rocket. We will be reading and writing simple space poems.

Spelling

In English this half term, we will be concentrating on developing our phonic knowledge, revising the sounds learnt through our Little Wandle scheme. We will be thinking about the use of descriptive vocabulary, simple punctuation marks and handwriting. The children will address these targets through narrative and non-fiction instruction writing. Children will bring spellings home on a Friday, and they will have a weekly test on the following Friday.



Reading will continue to be a crucial part of our learning. It is essential that the children are able to recognise and spell **common exception words** as well as using our phonics knowledge to improve both our reading and writing. We are encouraging the children to read as much as possible and to discuss the text, to further develop their comprehension skills. ***Please continue to support your children in achieving their reading awards by reading at home each day.***

Phonics

Focused phonic sessions will be taught every day throughout this half term. Spelling homework will include a mixture of words based on their phonics sessions.

Maths

In Maths, we will be focussing on the value of numbers to 100 using concrete apparatus and pictorial representations. They will focus on comparing and ordering numbers. Year 2 will also learn strategies for addition and subtraction. Mental maths will include counting in 2s, 5s and 10s, addition facts to 10 and 20, odd and even numbers and rounding.

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Topic - all themed around 'To Infinity and Beyond!'

History: This half term we will be learning about a significant individual; Neil Armstrong. First the children will learn what a significant individual is. They will then enquire about Neil Armstrong through using a range of available sources to find out about his life and what he did. Year 2 will compare the lives of two significant individuals, Neil Armstrong and Christopher Columbus.



DT: During our Design and Technology lessons, the children will be designing rockets and making them using junk modelling. They will look at rockets to support them during the designing process and evaluate their rockets on completion.

Computing: The children will develop their understanding of what information technology (IT) is. They will discuss where they have seen IT in school and beyond, in settings such as shops, hospitals, and libraries. The children will investigate how IT improves our world and learn about the importance of using IT responsibly.

Science

We will be learning how to identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses. Through our investigations, we will be finding out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching. We will be working scientifically by observing closely, using simple equipment and performing simple tests.

PE

This half term classes 5 and 6 will be having PE on -

Class 5 (Mrs Morgan): Monday and Wednesday

Class 6 (Mrs Bellett): Tuesday and Wednesday

Please ensure your child wears their full PE kit to school on their PE days. PE will be often be taught outside so please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather.

Homework

Reading - please continue to read as often as possible with your child and ensure that reading records and reading books are in school **every day**. Reading records should be signed by a parent, and children should be aiming to read 5 times a week.



Spellings - Paper spellings will be sent home for your child to practise.

All log in and password details for number bots can be found on the inside cover of the reading record.

We hope that your children enjoy exploring our new topic.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Morgan & Mrs Bellett