

Dates to Note.

Tuesday 1st & Wednesday 2nd September – Staff Development Days

Thursday 3rd September — Term 1 begins

Wednesday 16th September —Year 2 welcome talk — 6pm School Hall

Thursday 24 September - Moon Buggy making

Wednesday 30 September —Trip To Rare Breeds Centre (provisional date TBC)

Monday 5 October — individual photographs

Tuesday 13 October Harvest Worship

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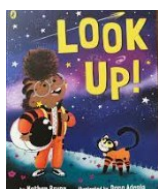


English

Our first book is 'Look Up!' by Nathan Bryon, a story inspired by the achievements of Mae Jemison, the first African American woman in space. We will build upon our Year 1 writing skills to create descriptions of locations from above, a space rocket and a space flight. We will also write poetry about space, an inviting menu for a returning astronaut, a diary of a space mission and instructions to make a moon buggy, linking with our DT project. We will also learn about Mae Jemison and write a fact file about her.

Grammar—our focusses for the term will be sentence structure, punctuation, capital letters, expanded noun phrases and conjunctions.

Phonics— we begin the year by reviewing our Phase 5 learning and complete the code with less commonly used GPCs.



Science

This term, our topic will be Animals including Humans. We will think about the features of different animal groups, including humans, and what they need in order to be able to survive. We will also explore how humans stay healthy. As part of this learning, we will be asking simple questions and finding answers in different ways.



Maths

We begin with Year 2 **Number** and **Place Value** topics, following the White Rose Maths Scheme. We will then explore **Addition** and **Subtraction**.

Children will have access to a variety of practical resources and will be encouraged to explain their thinking and reasoning.



PE

We will be learning ball skills with our coach, Colin. Lessons with the Class Teacher will focus on fundamental movement skills.

Music

We will focus on singing, in preparation for Harvest Worship at the end of term.



Geography



We will learn to locate the Earth's continents. We will explore what the Equator is, as well as the North and South Poles, finding out about hot and cold places on Earth as we do so. We will think about our local weather, as well as how it might feel to live in a hot place. We will compare Kenya to the UK. In so doing, we will be able to recognise the features of a hot or cold place.



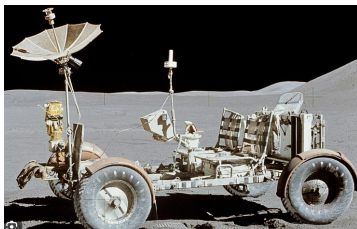
RE: Christianity

We will spend some time discussing the Big Frieze, which shows images from the Bible and illustrates its key Christian messages.

We will then explore the story of Creation, thinking about how we can help look after our wonderful world as well as Christians' views about this.

Design and Technology

We will design and make a Moon Buggy, exploring, cutting and using wooden axles so that our Buggies move.



PSHRE

In PSHRE (Personal, Social, Health and Relationships Education) we will learn about feelings, noticing and naming them, how our bodies may feel in the context of different feelings, distractions and how we might manage unpleasant feelings. We will also think about management of change and loss. Much of the unit links to last year's Zone of Regulation learning and we will also remind ourselves of the key aspects of regulation.

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Computing



Year 2 Computing starts with coding, using Bee-Bots. We will develop our understanding of instructions in sequences and logical reasoning to predict outcomes. We will use given commands in different orders to investigate how the order affects the outcome. We will also learn about design in programming, create designs and test these for use in a program. We will also design algorithms and then test them as programs and debug them.

