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Please use Espresso to help your child at home. There are many video clips, activities and games on a variety of topics.

Year 2 Curriculum Information Spring Term 4 2021



English / History

- Our overall topic this term will be *The World and Beyond*. We will learn about the lives and achievements of *Neil Armstrong*, *Helen Sharman* and *Tim Peake*. We will learn about the Moon landings and how space travel has changed since then.
- Our fiction work will be based on *The Way Back Home*, by Oliver Jeffers.
- In punctuation and grammar sessions, we will review the use of apostrophes for contractions and singular possession, use conjunctions (*and, or, but, when, if, that, because*) to extend sentences, and learn how to use the four sentence types (*statements, questions, commands and exclamations*).
- In Spelling, we will continue to spell tricky words correctly and will review all of the rules we have learned this year. We will look at how root words change when suffixes are added and will learn some rules for this. We will learn some more homophones and some tricky spelling rules and patterns. We will introduce the possessive apostrophe.



Science

- We will think about why plants and animals cannot survive on the Moon.
- We will investigate suitable materials to make a Moon Buggy.
- We will learn more about food groups, how to have a balanced diet, and how to stay fit and healthy, both on Earth and in Space.



Art

- Our focus will be form and space and this will include making some paper sculptures based on the work of the Danish sculptor, Peter Calleson.



Maths

- We will spend three weeks looking at the Geometry of Shape, both 2D and 3D shapes.

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- We will then spend three weeks learning about simple fractions of numbers and shapes.



PE

- We will continue with Covid- friendly PE in the playground.

Music

- For Home Learning, Mrs Stroud will teach some singing, using pitch, duration and tempo.
- When we are back in school, we will start some musical composition.



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Geography

- We will name the continents and oceans of the world.
- We will look at geographical locations associated with Space Travel.



RE

- **SALVATION - Why does Easter matter to Christians?**

1	Unit 1a On the move	Unit 1b Simple maps
2	Year 2 Starter Unit	Unit 2a Different sorts of input
3	Year 2 Starter Unit	Unit 2b Sequence and animation
4	Year 2 Starter Unit	Unit 4a Introduction to variables
5	Year 2 Starter Unit	Unit 5a Sequences, direction and coordinates
6	Year 2 Starter Unit	Unit 6a More complex variables

Computing

- We will use Espresso to learn to create simple computer programs.
- We will learn that we can give a precise command which will make things happen on screen.

Design & Technology

- We will design and make a Moon buggy.
- We will explore and use axles in our Moon buggies.
- We will write instructions explaining how to make a Moon buggy.



Our Christian Values

We build our 6 Christian values into everything we do at Thurnham School

- Kindness
- Trust
- Respect
- Friendship
- Sharing
- Love

