

Pioneering People



Year 2
Spring Term 2 2026

English

We will commence this half-term by exploring a range of features that belong to non-fiction texts such as technical language, reliable facts and writing in the present tense to the intended audience. We will then use the skills we have identified and practised to help us create our own informative text linked to our Year 2 classes – penguins, seals and Antarctica! Then, moving through the term, we will concentrate on writing to entertain with an precise focus on shape and diamante-style poetry.

Religious Education

This half-term's learning will be known as 'Desert to Garden' and will have an overarching theme of forgiveness. This branch focuses on the Passion of Jesus and his death. This builds on the story of his last week on Earth that the children have already heard in both EYFS and Year 1. This branch moves into the second part of teachings from Luke's gospel. Our children will know that Lent is the season when Christians observe both giving and giving-up to identify with the complete self-offering of Jesus which is remembered in Holy Week and the Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil).

History and Geography

Our topic of 'Pioneering People' begins by introducing pupils to images of different explorers: pioneers that explore different parts of the world. We will discuss where in the world these explorers may have been and the special equipment that they needed to survive. Then, the children will be introduced to some famous explorers from the past. They will find out more about their lives and the reasons why they became explorers. During this unit, they will study significant individuals such as Charles Darwin, Neil Armstrong, Ibn Battuta, Roald Amundsen, Sylvia Earle and Edmund Hillary. They will have the opportunity to ask and answer questions about them and make simple comparisons between their explorations. At the end of the unit, our children will consider modern day explorations and whether humans will still explore the Earth and beyond in the future.

Mathematics

We will begin the half-term by continuing our multiplication and division unit where we will learn the 2, 10 and 5 times tables before learning what it means to divide by 2, 10 and 5. In the latter half of the term, we will begin our measurement unit. We will start the unit by exploring different tools for measuring before moving onto using more uniform measuring tools such as rulers. Once we have mastered how to use a ruler, we will look at how to measure in cm and m.

Science

Our lessons this half-term will carry on from our topic of 'Healthy Me', learning about the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival. The children will learn about what diet we need to keep ourselves healthy and how this may differ from person to person, as well as the amount and type of exercise we should be doing and what the effects are of doing exercise on our bodies.

Computing

In this Computing unit, the children will be learning to recognise that different devices can be used to capture photographs. Children will have the opportunity to capture their own photos and then edit and improve them for different purposes. They will use this knowledge to recognise that images they see online and in real life may not be real.