



'Being Better Every Day'

Wednesday 18th December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter – Term 3

I am excited to share our third Newsletter of the school year.

In **Term 3**, our unit title is **'Amazing Discoveries'**

'This unit teaches children about the adventures of Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong. We will have a historical focus and will be using images, short videos and photographs to explore the many historical features.'

During this unit, your child will attempt to answer the concept question.



'How were the adventures of Columbus and Armstrong similar and different?'



(We have attached a 'Knowledge Organiser' for this unit, providing an overview of the work; this should be a useful resource for pupils and parents.)

Curriculum Project


For each unit, I will ask your child to complete a **home-learning project**. I ask that every child has a go at completing a project that can be brought into school.

For this topic, your child could:

- Design and make an explorer's mode of transport eg. boat, spaceship.
- Create an old map, showing the journeys of Columbus.
- Draw Christopher Columbus.
- Draw Neil Armstrong in his space suit.
- Make a model of a ship or rocket.
- Create a fact file: write different facts about Columbus or Armstrong.

Images Below are some images to inspire your home-school projects:



Christopher Columbus	
Date of birth: _____	
Date of death: _____	
_____ is significant because _____	
<small>A picture of Christopher Columbus</small>	<small>Interesting Facts</small>
	_____

I have also included a list of websites you could explore at home to help your child with their learning:

Useful Websites:

<https://www.penguin.co.uk/articles/childrens-article/craft-a-diy-rocket-from-see-you-in-the-cosmos>

<https://easyscienceforkids.com/all-about-christopher-columbus/>

Home learning projects should be completed by the week beginning **Monday 10th February 2025**. If you have any questions about the home learning project, please contact me.

Reading

Reading is the single most important skill that children will learn, and I expect every child to read at home every day. In Year 1, I expect every child to read with an adult for a minimum of 10 minutes every day. Reading takes on many forms and can take place just about anywhere, including the reading of labels and signs, and in magazines and comics. Parents and carers should record the daily reading activity in their child's **reading record**.

PE

This term, our PE lesson will remain on **Monday** afternoons. Your child should wear their PE kit to school. As our lessons may sometimes be outside and the weather is colder, please consider black jogging bottoms rather than PE shorts. Please send your child in wearing the school PE kit with a school jumper and not hoodies or football PE kits.

Yours sincerely,

Miss S. Clark

(Year 1 class teacher)

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