

English

We will begin the topic by learning how to write a letter with persuasive language to ask our parents if we can become an explorer. Let's see which child has the best wheedling tone!

For our main text we will be reading 'The fantastic Flying Journey' by Gerald Durrell. In this book the characters fly around the world visiting lots of different places which will enable the children to explore writing about different settings. They will write postcards, character descriptions and a narrative journey story with a big focus on the use of rich adjectives. We will finish the term with a poetry unit.

Science

In science the children will be learning about different global habitats. This is closely linked to our geography unit of work.

They will learn about how animals have adapted to suit their environment. They will invent a 'new' species of creature that is especially adapted to the habitat of their choice.

Maths

We begin this term with our first look at multiplication and division. The children will learn practical and mental methods to solve equations in the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. They will then move onto measuring and length. This will be the first time that children learn the units of centimetres and metres.

We finish the term with a look at worded equations.



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Art & DT

The children will explore colour and texture when making global habitat collage pictures.

The children will make snow buggies using construction kits.

They will also make christmas cards and other seasonal items.

Humanities

By the end of the term the children should be able to name the 7 continents of the world and the 5 oceans. They will have some idea of the climate within each continent.

The children will find out about some famous explorers and each class will focus in greater depth on one particular explorer.

In music they will have the opportunity to explore a range of percussion instruments, naming them and seeing how they can be played.

We begin to incorporate ICT into the curriculum, starting with basic skills of turning on, logging on and inputting our password. Each child will be given their own DB login and password which will be put in the front of their homework book.

P.E.

P.E. will be on a Wednesday and Thursday but please ensure your child has their kit in school at all times – thank you.

Children will need both shorts (for indoors) and jogging bottoms (for outdoors) a black sweatshirt is also advisable as the weather gets colder. Our units of work are team games and game skills.

Notes

Homework will be set on Tuesday to be returned the following Monday. It is important that ALL children complete this work.

Each Friday they should come home with new spellings to learn. We will test each Friday.

Excursions / Enrichment

As part of the children's geography and science studies on continents and animal habitats, a trip to Drusilla's has been arranged for Friday 10th November.