

# Windmill Primary School



Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter  
Autumn 2 2017 Explorers

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a brilliant start to Year 2 the children have had; we can't believe we are approaching Autumn 2 already! Our next theme is 'Explorers' and we have lots of exciting learning lined up...

## Overview of themes for the year

Autumn 2 – Explorers

Spring 1 – Roald Dahl

Spring 2- Now and Then

Summer 1 – Summer Watch

Summer 2 – Here and There



## Trips and Visitors for the year

**Autumn 2** - We are hoping to go on a walk to explore the Pocket Park in Raunds.

**Spring 1** - In this term we will hopefully be having a visit from a storyteller.

**Spring 2** - We are hoping to walk around Raunds focusing on how buildings have changed over time.

**Summer 1** – We are planning on visiting Woburn Safari Park. The cost of the trip should be no more than £20.

**Summer 2** – We are hoping to have someone in who has lived in another country to talk about contrasting locations.

## Explorers

Our theme for Autumn 2 is Explorers. We will be learning about the lives of significant individuals in the past who have contributed to national and international achievements. In particular, we will be learning about and comparing the lives of Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong. It's going to be really exciting and interesting!

## English

In English we will be focusing on a story called 'Hodgeheg' by Dick King-Smith. We will be writing our own adventure tales and be creating biographies about the significant individuals we are learning about in our Explorers theme.

## Reading

We will be listening to the children read at least twice a week in school, as well as during Read, Write Inc. lessons.

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Please listen to your child read as often as possible and make a note of it in the reading record book. Those children who read every day will receive a reward from their class teacher.

## **Maths**

We will be concentrating on developing our understanding of money for the first few weeks. The children will be recognising and using the symbols for pounds and pence, finding different combinations of coins that make the same amounts and solving simple problems related to money. After this, we will focus on developing the children's understanding of multiplication and division. This will involve the teaching of different mental and written methods to support the children's understanding.

## **Times tables**

Please support your child(ren) with the learning of their times tables. Children in Year 2 need to learn and recall facts for the 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10 times tables. They are tested every week and all children will know which times table they need to be learning. If you could keep practising with your child we will all be times table superstars!

## **Science**

In Science, we will be identifying and comparing everyday materials. We will be finding out how the shapes of some solid objects made from different materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching them.

Thank you for your support. Have a lovely half term and make sure you recharge those batteries. We will see you in the new term!

Miss Mawby    Miss Clent  
Year 2 team