

Headlands Primary School- Termly Curriculum Newsletter

Year 2, Term 3 **Intrepid Discoverers**



Our prime learning challenge this term is 'Why are Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong remembered as great explorers?'. **As Historians**, we will learn about two significant individuals from the past and will know how they became to be remembered as great explorers. Children will develop an understanding of change over time and will be able to identify the similarities and differences between the lives of these two people from different periods. They will be able to discuss how their achievements have contributed to history. This will support our Writing unit this term, as we explore the story 'Stardust' by Jeanne Willis. **As Writers**, we will develop our vocabulary and key skills in grammar to create a descriptive writing piece about space that endeavours to entertain, using the female main character, Mabel, to inspire us further.

In other areas of the curriculum, **as Mathematicians**, we will be learning to recognise and make equal groups to help us multiply and divide. Year 2 will also be learning to recognise common 2D and 3D shapes, compare and sort shapes by their properties and identify lines of symmetry. **As Readers**, we will be closely exploring a few different texts to improve our comprehension skills, knowledge of vocabulary and learning how to answer inference questions.

In **Religious Education**, we will be exploring the key question 'How do Muslims show their commitment to Allah (God)?'. Children will continue their learning from the Autumn Term in this second unit about Islam. They will learn about each of The Five Pillars of Islam and how they are important to Muslims in Britain today. **As Scientists**, we will be exploring the key question: 'Why are food chains important?'. In this unit the children will have the opportunity to make their own food chains, knowing that the arrows show what is eaten by what. They will learn about habitats and explore how food chains differ in each habitat. This will be supported by their learning from Year 1, in which they explored animals who are herbivores, carnivores or omnivores.

In **Computing**, we will be developing our coding skills even further by creating music. In **PSHE**, we will be exploring our dreams and goals and thinking about which goals we want to achieve this term. In **PE**, we will be applying our physical skills to practice sending and receiving, and enhance our reactions and responses. We will also take part in basketball in our sport-specific lessons. **As Musicians**, the children will continue to practice playing the ocarina, learn how to read notations and learning some famous pieces of music linked to our topic. **As Artists**, the children will explore the properties of clay by freely handling and manipulating it. They will apply their skills to making models inspired by the local flora and fauna using these different techniques.

Here is the link to the knowledge organisers on our school website <http://www.headlandsprimary.co.uk/parents/curriculum.php>. These will support conversations that you may have at home about what we will be teaching and the vocabulary that we will be using.

Things to remember:

PE days are on Tuesdays and Thursdays for both classes. On these days the children must come to school in their PE kit.

Our 'Library day' is every **Wednesday**. On this day, children need to bring back their library book. We will also be celebrating what we have logged on Boom Reader every **Monday** and find out who our top three readers are! Remember, 4 or more reads per week earns a Golden Ticket!

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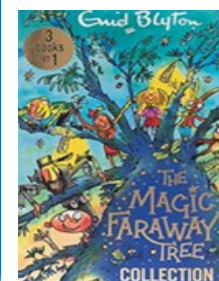
stacey.wright@headlands.org.uk (We will endeavour to respond to your emails between 9-4.30 in the week, during term time)

Friday 19th January—Interim Reports released

Online Safety Week—week beginning Monday 5th February

World Book Day—Thursday 7th March

End of term is Friday 16th February 2024. School will reopen on Tuesday 27th February 2024.



Our Class Reader this term is 'The Magic Faraway Tree' by Enid Blyton. Join the children and their new friends Moon-Face, Saucepan Man and Silky the Fairy as they explore this most magical of all fairy-tale worlds.

Our Virtue this term is RESPONSIBILITY. Please use the following points to inspire a conversation about Responsibility at home.

How can I be responsible?

Why do I need to be responsible?

How often am I responsible?

Whose job is it to be responsible?



This term, our DARE Endeavour is to learn how to stay safe online, exploring the two key themes of 'Online Reputation' and 'Online Relationships'. This will support our knowledge and understanding in preparation for Online Safety week, starting on 5th February 2024. If you would like to learn about this further, please use the following link: <https://www.headlands.org.uk/safeguarding/internet-safety>

