

St Mary's C of E Primary School Curriculum Newsletter

YEAR GROUP: One and Two

TERM: Spring 1

Number of weeks: Six

Topic: Going up!

Overview

Have you ever wished upon a star? Wondered if there is life beyond Earth? We will be visiting Bob, the man on the moon and learning about his life and how he got to be an astronaut.

We are going UP, so come and learn about the adventurous and brave Amelia Earhart, one of the world's most important aviators, and her flying adventures! How did we first go up, up, up?! Let's explore together the Wright Brothers and their aeroplane inventions.

Engage

The children will be suddenly transported to the Launchpad, where a rocket is waiting for them to explore space!

Develop: English

Daily Phonics, please support your children to learn their Red and Green Words and to read their 'Book Bag Books' daily at home. Our writing sessions will focus on The Man on the Moon.

Science - Seasonal Changes

The children will make a calendar which will incorporate work on the seasons, weather and months of the year. We will also be keeping a daily record of the weather, observing and describing the changes which take place over time.

Art and Design and DT

We will be using our cutting, folding and attaching skills to design and build a kite. Expressive painting - Marela Zacarias, Charlie French, Vincent Van Gogh and Cezanne.

PSHE Dreams and Goals

What are your goals in life? They could be to improve your handwriting or to become the Prime Minister. We will look at ways to achieve those goals and how to support our peers to do the same.

History

Our History this half term will be based on the life of Amelia Earhart, one of the world's most important aviators who has become famous for her record breaking adventures.

We will be propelled into the lives of The Wright Brothers, how aircraft was invented and create a timetable on the timetable of flight.

Freeflow

The children will be working on designing an information text based on famous aviators and the history of flight. The children will use all the information gained during history lessons to make the text interesting for the reader and they can present the information how they wish.

Express At the end of our 'Going Up, Going Down' topic, we want to invite our families in for a 'Book Look' in Oliver Class on Thursday 8th February at 2.50-3.10. This will give the children the opportunity to share with you all the fantastic learning they have been doing!

ICT:

This term we will be looking at animated story books, making music and spreadsheets. We will also be using Purple Mash.

<https://www.purplemash.com/sch/stmarysbn17>

Maths

Our main focus for this half term will be Place Value, Addition and Subtraction, Money and Multiplication and Division.

There are three areas of learning in maths that benefit hugely from parental support - they are the 3 C's - Cooking, Clocks and Coins. Try to include your children in cooking at home, measuring out ingredients, talk about what time it is, how many minutes until the next hour, using coins as much as possible and show your children what coins look like and how to make different totals.

Visits/Visitors

Pilot Andrew will be visiting us and telling us about his adventures in the sky!



Home Learning Tasks Home learning will involve reading at home as much as possible, recording these 'reads' in Reading Records, learning weekly Red Word and Green Word spellings and choosing activities from the Home Learning Grid.