

# CLASS 2 SUMMER TERM NEWSLETTER

## Maths

The children need to be able to use different methods of calculation and become confident when using these. They will be completing more formal methods

There will be a lot of problem solving activities linked to Real Life Maths, so could I ask you to save any pamphlets that may come through your door or you collect e.g. menus, take away menus, catalogues, brochures etc.

## Times Tables

It is important that the children can recite their times tables. I am sure many of you can still remember yours from school. Could you please practise with your child when in the car or out for a walk? They all know which times table is their target.

Year 2 | 2, 5 and 10 times tables

Year 3 | 2,3,4,5,8 and 10 times tables

Year 4 | 1-12 times tables

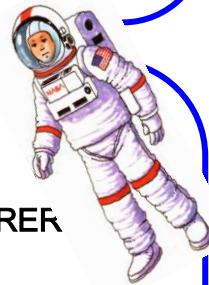
## English

### Narrative: WANTED: SPACE EXPLORER

In this unit, the children select applicants to be trained as astronauts for a mission to Mars. They read about Neil Armstrong and will investigate his personal qualities. They will use their investigations to write a diary entry and a biography.

### Non-Fiction: THE IRON MAN

The children start by listening to The Iron Man, asking and answering questions and making predictions. They look at the author's use of powerful language to capture our imaginations, including similes. They revise their knowledge of speech marks, composing a conversation, and focus on the character Hogarth's feelings to write diary entries in role. For the final writing task, they create their own imaginary creature, thinking of similes and powerful noun phrases to describe



## Religious Education

**NEW LIFE** | HOW PENTECOST IS A SPECIAL TIME FOR THE CHURCH

**BUILDING BRIDGES— SAYING SORRY AND MAKING FRIENDS.**

Islam | Looking at Holy Books

**GOD'S PEOPLE** | HOW ORDINARY PEOPLE CAN DO EXTRAORDINARY THINGS

## Science

### Electricity

Children will construct simple electrical circuits using various components- batteries, bulbs, wires, buzzers, switches; carry out investigations exploring materials recognising electrical conductors and insulators; learn about safety precautions for working safely with electricity.

### Rocks and Soils

The children will investigate different rocks and soils and link this to the building materials used by the Romans.

## History

Our main focus this term will be learning about the Roman Empire. The children will be creating timelines about the spread of the Empire, looking at the people who ruled the Empire, as well as looking at everyday life for different people. They will be using the computers to research different aspects and thinking about whether the information they have found out is reliable, by comparing it to other sources.



## Geography

We will be learning about where in the world we will find hot and cold places. We will think about what it would be like to live in these places as well as discovering what already exists there.



## PE

**Cricket** – the children will be taught cricket skills by a teacher from Peterlee SSCo each Friday.

**SAFC Foundation** – we will also be learning about different invasion games such as handball and dodgeball.

**Athletics** – including running, jumping and throwing.

## MFL

Years 3 and 4 will continue to receive Spanish lessons from Miss Duggan from St. Bede's. They will be learning about family members, numbers and describing people.

## Computing

In computing, the children will be learning to use the Internet safely, thinking about what is reliable information and how to keep ourselves safe.

They will also be learning how to write a programme to make something move on screen and using pro bots.

They will use word processing packages to record their own information to present to others.

## Music

Weekly ukulele lessons with Jamie.

Brass lessons for some children

We will also be learning songs for our end of term performance (more details to follow)

## Names in clothing

**PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL OF YOUR CHILD'S CLOTHING HAS THEIR NAMES IN,** especially at this time of year.

## DT & Art

In Art, the children will be creating patterns using tessellation, rotation, reflection and symmetry. They will create stencils to create a Roman Mosaic.

In DT, the children will be creating a moving page for our class novel 'The Iron Man'. They will experiment with linkages and pivots to make him move, as well as thinking about the font and background for their page.

We are unique, talented and loved by God

We have an achievement wall in class, where the children can bring in certificates, trophies, awards or anything they have done well. We then display their talents for all to see.