



## THE JOURNEY TO THE MOON

Spring 1 2025

### Topic

Our Year 2 focus this half term will be a history-based topic focussing on the moon landings called 'Journey to the Moon'.

The children will initially learn about significant events in space travel between 1940 and 2023. We will then focus on significant astronauts, watch the moon landings and create timelines to depict key events. Once they have deepened their knowledge regarding the moon landings, they will write their own recount of events. We will also create art using pastels based on the Moon.

We will then turn our attention to explorers Matthew Henson and Neil Armstrong and compare them with other explorers we have already studied.

### Reading

Reading is the most important skill a child can master. Children complete Star Reader tests each half term and are then given a reading range from which they can choose their reading books from Accelerated Reader. Please encourage your child to read their reading book each night. Please write in your child's reading log so they can receive certificates and prizes. We also encourage reading for pleasure for which they can explore any reading material of their choosing. Listening to books / stories is just as important as reading: this exposure to expression, vocabulary, story language and sentence composition has many positive influences on their own reading and writing. Children will complete daily comprehension tasks: developing their understanding of the meaning of words and sentences, whilst furthering their retrieval and inference skills.

### Science

In Science, we will continue to look at living things and their habitats. Please take your children on walks and let them experience the outdoors as much as possible during this time!



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### Home Learning



In year, children will be provided with weekly homework and spellings to learn. Homework will **go out on a Friday** and must be **returned on / by the following Wednesday**. We ask that you support your children where possible and ask for support should you require it.

### Year 2 Space Camp

Year 2 will have the opportunity to take part in Space Camp - a sleepover at Errington where they will spend time around the campfire and star gazing amongst other exciting space-related activities. This will take place in **March**. Look out on Parent Mail for more details.

### Maths

Initially in maths, Children will consolidate their learning around Addition and Subtraction and Money. After this, children will complete units of work based on Multiplication and Division, Length and Height and then Mass, Capacity and Temperature.

Children will continue to develop their understanding of the 2, 5 and 10 times tables, any support with this at home is greatly appreciated as quick recall of these facts is so important. Our main focus will be on the 5 times table this half-term.

### English

In English, we will be creating persuasive adverts advertising an extremely exciting and rare opportunity to go on holiday to the Moon! We will also be writing non-chronological reports about famous explorers. Please offer as many opportunities for your child to write as possible at home to support their writing skills.

### Computing

Children will complete a unit of work titled 'Creating Pictures' Children will explore the work of impressionist artists, pointillist artists such as Seurat, as well as the work of Piet Mondrian and William Morris. Children will use 2Paint a Picture to create their own artworks based on these styles. Children will also explore some surrealist art and will use the eCollage function in 2Paint A Picture to create their own surrealist art using drawing and clipart.

### P.E.

In PE, Year 2 pupils will complete units of work based around feet and hands, during which they will develop their ball control skills. Children will also be participating in a superhero sporting event at Eston Leisure Centre on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January.