



Welcome back to Silver Birch January 2024

Despite the cold weather, dark mornings and winter viruses, the children have returned to school with motivation and excitement. I am so pleased to learn that Father Christmas managed to deliver such lovely presents. We have a fun packed, short term, which includes a Time to Dance show at the Hastings White Rock on 6th February and a navigation of our local area.

This term our Christian value is Trust

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths."
Proverbs 3:5-6*

Topic: What does it take to be a great explorer like these humans?



Christopher
Columbus



James Cook



Francis Drake



Marco Polo



Amelia
Earhart



Ibn Battuta

We will navigate ourselves around the globe like Christopher Columbus and Amelia Earhart. Discuss what qualities and equipment we would need, along with map reading and exploring our area.

English

Our books this term: The Journey Home by Fran Preston-Gannon

- Discuss and retell the text using our own story map.
- Describe a setting.
- Engage the reader with description of a habitat.
- Write our own narrative with changes based on the book.
- Write an information text on Arctic animals. Including the effect of climate change.

History/Geography

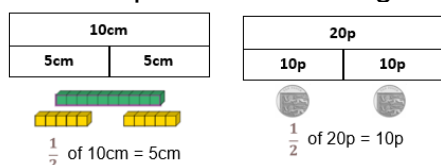
- How is history proven?
- Who made the first discovery?
- Continents and oceans, lines of latitude and longitude, equator,
- North and South Pole.

Art/ DT

- To design and make a boat that floats using recycle material.
- Water colour wash in the style of Katsushika Hokusai's The Great Wave off Kanagawa. Focusing on the unpredictable, raging seas near Japan's famous Mount Fuji.

Maths

- Finding equal parts
- Half, quarter and thirds
- Cutting pancakes into equal parts
- Applying understanding to various representations. E.g.



- Division and multiple facts
- Problem solving

Science

Living things and their habitats

- Discuss what is different about things that are living, dead or have never been alive.
- Identify some of the plants and animals in a familiar habitat.
- Sort objects into categories.
- Find microhabitats.
- Describe the conditions in a habitat.
- Ask questions about different habitats.
- Describe the characteristics of some plants and animals.
- Name some sources of food.

RE

In RE we will be learning about Judaism

- Place of worship- synagogue
- Book of faith- The Torah
- Festivals and celebrations - Barmizvah

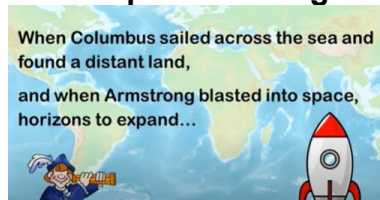
Computing

Purple mash: 2.4 Questioning

- Using and Creating Pictograms
- Presenting information on pictograms
- Asking Yes / No Questions
- Binary Trees. Children understand what is meant by a binary tree.
- Children have designed a binary tree to sort pictures of children.

Music

The explorer's song



PE

- Team building
- Time to dance
- Daily mile
- Stretching exercises

Life Skills

Mental wellbeing- Mindfulness
Relationships

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/ks1-pshe-relationships-our-family-index/zwb2jsq>



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Term 3

Dates for the Diary

6th February 2024 Time to Dance at Hastings White Rock.

End of term 3 9/2/24

Important Reminders

Record your child's reading in the reading record. This can be comics, home books, or kindles.

PE Days

PE will be on a Wednesday this term.

Useful Websites

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/ordering-and-sequencing>

<https://whiteroseeducation.com/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/primary/zd7p47h>

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Stelfox