



Creswell C of E Infant and Nursery School

Curriculum Letter

Term: Spring
Year 1

This Term our Learning Journey is:
Great Explorers.

Happy New Year!

This term our learning will be based upon Great Explorers. We will begin our topic by exploring Space. We will be visiting the National Space centre at Leicester to learn about Space and Explorers that have been there such as Neil Armstrong.

English

As **Readers**, we will be developing our inference skills, explaining why events happen or how characters are feeling. We will develop these skills through guided reading sessions. We will explore a range of books including non-fiction, story and poetry books.

As **writers**, we are going to be writing about Explorers, we will be writing diary extracts and factfiles. We will also be reading books about space and learning about characters from these books. We will be thinking about what we want to write, using our phonic skills as well as checking for capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. We will continue to practise our handwriting.

Mathematics

As Mathematicians, we will continue to use our knowledge of place value and strategies for addition and subtraction. We will also be learning to count on and back in 2's, 5's and 10's. We will also be learning to tell the time to o' clock and half past as well as ordering days of the week. We will continue to focus on number bonds to 10 and 20.

History

As Historians, we will look at events that have happened in the past. We will study important explorers and look at their achievements. We will be looking at Neil Armstrong and Mary Anning.

Geography

As Geographers, we will talk about the Earth and where it is in the Solar System. We will look at which part of the world we live in. We will be able to find the United Kingdom on a globe and name and locate the 7 continents of the world. We will use maps and atlases.

Science

As Scientists, we will be look at different materials. We will be able to say what an object is made out of. We will be able to describe the properties of a material. We will also be able to compare and group together different materials. We will use our knowledge to design and create a Space buggy for an Astronaut.

Art and Design

As Artists, we will use drawing, painting, printing and colour mixing inspired by the Artist 'Wassily Kandinsky' to inspire our Space art.

Computing

As Technologists, we will learn to program Beebots and use computer programs such as Purple Mash. We will learn how to save and edit our work. We will also learn about internet safety.

RE

We will take part in discussions about belonging to a community and what we can learn about creation. We will be learning all about Easter. Also we will be learning about Islam and Who is a Muslim and what do they believe?

PE

In PE, we will be learning fundamental movement skills. We will use a broad range of techniques to extend our agility, balance and coordination, both individually and working with peers. We use the scheme Real PE to support us with this.

In Year 1 our PE days will be **Monday** and **Wednesday**. We run a **daily mile** to help to keep us fit so could you please ensure that your child has appropriate footwear. Could I also remind you that hair must be tied back and that earrings must be removed or covered with plasters from home for PE.

PSHE

In PSHE this term we will be learning about Dreams and Goals and Healthy Me.

Routines

Doors open: 8:40am and close again at 8:50am. When your child arrives there will be a morning activity set and on Tuesdays they can change their reading book. If your child arrives after 8:50, please take them to the office to be registered.

Lunch choices are made at the beginning of each half term.

The day ends at 3:00pm. Please ensure that your child's class teacher is informed of anyone, other than you as parents / carers, will be collecting your child.

How to support learning at home:

The best way to develop reading skills and a love of reading is regular reading. In addition to daily reading at school you can support your child with regular reading at home. Your child will bring home a reading book at their book band level each Tuesday which should be returned each week. Your child **MUST** bring their reading book into school each day. Repeated reading of this with your child along with reading their own favourite books will help them to develop confidence, fluency and understanding in reading. We would like to recognise the reading they do at home with our Reading Champs recognition scheme. When they have read please complete your child's reading record. If they read 3 times a week they will receive recognition on the Bronze trophy and receive 1 Dojo point. If they read 4 times a week they will move onto the Silver trophy and receive 2 Dojo points. If they read 5 times a week they will move onto the Gold trophy and receive 3 Dojo points.

Maths - Helping your child to practise their number bonds and number formation and discussing day to day maths such as when shopping, cooking or telling the time will help them to become confident and fluent mathematicians and will help them to solve maths problems.