

# Year 2 Newsletter No.14

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## This Week – We are Explorers!



Welcome back everyone - we hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas and a very happy New Year!

This week we have introduced our new topic “**Explorers**” and enjoyed researching and finding out about Christopher Columbus and his explorations that led to America. We have also been using atlases to identify and name the countries within the United Kingdom and their capital cities. We have also been finding out about some of the important landmarks in England.

In our **RE** lessons we have begun a new unit, Jesus was Special, exploring friendships and the relationships that Jesus experienced. This week we have been talking about our own special friends and the qualities that make a good friend.

In our **Science** lessons we have been on a sound walk and using our sense of smell to guess what different substances might be. We have also discussed the common physical features of animals and humans.

In our **ICT** lessons the children have been using Espresso Coding to explore and create simple instructions to change or move objects on the screen.

In our **English** work we have enjoyed “The Pirate Cruncher” by Jonny Duddle. The children have been identifying, collecting and finding adjectives and verbs and we have explored the use of “before”, “after” and “when” in our sentence writing. We have been writing about real events relating to Christopher Columbus and looked at the use of the suffix “ed” to change present into past tense.



In **Mathematics** this week we have been exploring place value through the concept of measures and we have used 10g and 1g masses.



### How you can help...

You can help by hearing your child **read every night** for at least ten minutes. Please support your child with this.

#### Homework this week:

- **Spellings** – ed suffix/verbs
- **English** – Phonics sheet
- **“Talk Time”** - Please talk to your child about new places that you have been to or explored.
- **Mathematics** – Mass worksheet
- **Times Tables** – x3 table
- **Extra Mile Challenge:** Find out about an explorer who travelled to or discovered a new land or place.



### Things to remember

**Open Door : Mondays 3:15- 4:00pm** – You are welcome to come and enjoy your child’s work / chat with me about your child’s progress.

**PE Kits:** Please check your child has their full kit in school and that they have pumps that fit no later than Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January. Thank you.

**Reading bags:** Please remind your child to bring their reading folders into school every day. Thank you.

**Wellington boots/Waterproofs:** Please provide your child with a named waterproof and pair of wellingtons that can be used when we are doing our nature studies outside on the school field. These will be kept on your child’s peg in the cloakroom and it would be helpful if they were kept in a named carrier bag.

## Next Week – We are Explorers!

In **Mathematics** we will be comparing numbers, finding the number that is one more and one less and ten more and ten less than a given number. We will also be partitioning numbers in different ways and use number lines to solve calculations.

In **English** we will be looking at the works of Claire Freedman and Ben Cort. We will start with the story “Aliens love Underpants”.



In our **Topic** work we will be looking at compass points and how explorers use directions and maps to assist their journeys. We will find out more about the journeys of Christopher Columbus and how ships were used to explore oceans.

In **Science** we will complete our work on humans as animals and human offspring and begin exploring forces relating to floating and sinking, and test materials suitable for making model ships for Christopher Columbus.

In our **RE** work we will be exploring how Jesus was a friend to others and who his friends were.



## Congratulations!



**Christian Value of Forgiveness – Harrison Hine**  
**Curriculum Award – George Gover**  
**Star Writer – Jake Carberry**

A big “thumbs up” to our class members who have demonstrated consistent **Outstanding Behaviour** this week!

Harrison, Freyja, George G, Lewis and Ryan

Thank you for all your help and support.

Mrs. Ramsay