



Newsletter

Dolphins Class Autumn Term



🌐🚀 This term, we're setting off on an exciting journey through history as we explore our new topic: *Movers and Shakers*! Year 2 will be learning about significant people from history who changed the world in amazing ways. From explorers like Christopher Columbus and Captain James Cook, to inspiring figures like Rosa Parks, Emmeline Pankhurst and Neil Armstrong, we'll dive into their stories and discover what made them so important. We will also learn about artists and scientists such as Claude Monet, Marie Curie, and our very own local hero, William Harvey. Using timelines, stories, and historical sources, the children will explore the past and become young historians themselves!

HOME LEARNING:

To kick off our *Movers and Shakers* topic, we have a fun home learning project. Can you build a ship like Christopher Columbus sailed on, or a rocket like Neil Armstrong's Apollo 11? Or maybe you would prefer to paint like Monet, design a protest banner for Emmeline Pankhurst, or make a model heart for William Harvey? Be as creative as you like! We can't wait to see what you make!



OTHER SUBJECTS:

Science- Animals including humans.
Art – Mix it and Still Life.
D&T – Remarkable recipes.
RE –Who is a Jew and what do they believe?
Computing –Technology around us and digital painting.
PSHE Being me' and 'Celebrating differences.'
PE – Invasion games, ball skills, gymnastics and rugby fundamentals.

MATHS: We will be focusing on building number confidence from 10 to 100. The children will practise counting in tens and ones, comparing and ordering numbers, and understanding place value. We will continue to develop fluency in adding and subtracting within 10, then move on to calculations within 20, using number bonds and different strategies like counting on, using a number line, and making 10. Later, we'll begin adding and subtracting two-digit numbers, using methods such as partitioning and working with tens and ones to solve problems and explain our thinking. We will also enjoy learning the 2, 5, and 10 times tables, which are key for future maths. Practise at home with TT Rockstars to become a times tables expert!

ENGLISH

We will be diving into the world of storytelling, exploring the adventures of *Pinocchio* by Carlo Collodi and enjoying the clever twist in *Little Red Reading Hood* by Lucy Rowland to help us write exciting and high-quality sentences. The children will practise adding descriptive words to make their writing come alive and use words like *because* and *but* to join their ideas and make their sentences flow smoothly. Our class reads will include the thoughtful Ruby's *Worry* and the magical *Grandad's Secret Giant*, perfect for sparking our imaginations! We will also be polishing up our handwriting, making sure our letters are neat, clear, and beautifully presented.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Class Assembly: Friday 14th November

PE Days: **Tuesday and Friday**