

Spring Term 2023 Topic - How can we help?

Our topic title 'How can we help?' draws on elements from both of this term's books. In Term 2 Vallis will join Frome's Kindness Festival and children will participate in a kindness challenge.

English

We are using two books this term; Beegu and Man on the Moon. The children will have the opportunity to write notes, instructions, explore characters and settings and retell stories. They will develop ideas through drama and role play and plan, write and edit their own work. The children will continue to develop their phonic and spelling skills through 'Unlocking Letters and Sounds', and have access to a variety of texts to encourage a love of reading. Your child will also work on improving letter formation and presentation.



Mathematics

In **Year 1** the children will continue to work on place value and addition and subtraction initially up to 20 then up to 50. They will be working with one and two-digit numbers and solving simple problems.

In **Year 2** the children will work on developing their skills of multiplication and division. They will build their confidence working on a range of different problems.

Both year groups will learn about 2-D and 3-D shapes naming the shapes and identifying their properties.



Computing

The children will be using coding platforms to develop their programming and debugging skills. They will also create a stop motion space animation. They will use the internet to find out information about Space. During the term we will also explore and discuss keeping safe when online.



Personal Development

Children will discuss what makes a good friend, how to get along with each other and how to help if someone is feeling left out. We will also explore our emotions especially strong feelings and how to cope with them.



Science

This term we will carry out experiments and work scientifically observing closely, asking questions and recording our results. Next term children will learn what is needed for animals including humans to survive and how these needs are met when astronauts are in space. Children will also learn about the importance of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene.



Geography

During the first half of the term the children will be exploring and making maps of the school, local area, and creating their own. They will be describing the features of our area to aliens from outer space. They will have the opportunity to use globes, maps, aerial pictures and atlases. Children will learn the countries which constitute the UK and the continents and oceans of the world.

History

During the second half of the term the children will learn about the history of space travel. This will include the moon landing and Neil Armstrong. They will also find out about Karen Nyberg, Tim Peake, Chris Hadfield and Mae Jemison. Children will find out about and compare exploration throughout time including Christopher Columbus and Amelia Earhart.

Music

We will learn songs linked to our topic. We will accompany a piece of music playing a range of instruments in different ways. In groups we will then compose our own piece of music.



Art and DT

In DT we will explore and make different types of puppets. Children will then design their own puppet to sew. You will be invited into school for a Family Learning event to help make the puppet. In Art we will explore the work of Joan Miro and Peter Thorpe to inspire and create space themed artwork.

R.E.

The children will be finding out about Judaism including the Torah and Shabbat.

P.E.

This term children will develop control, balance and co-ordination by practicing a range of movements in circuits/ bootcamp. Gymnastics is the second area of PE this term and children will explore a range of apparatus making shapes and sequences of movements.

