

Explorers Class- Spring 1



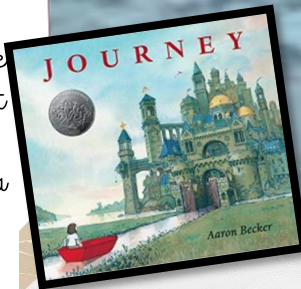
WELCOME

Happy New Year! We hope that you had a wonderful Christmas time and enjoy your break.

Our topic in KSI this half term will be 'Transport and Travel'. In EYFS, we will be learning all about Winter and supporting our understanding with a range of key texts. As always, important information will be shared on our class dojo page, please make sure you check this on a regular basis. If you have any questions or queries do not hesitate to contact me.

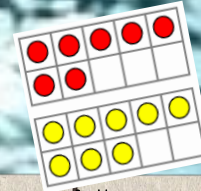
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Literacy



In literacy, we will be focusing on narratives. We will look closely at some of the features that we find within this style of writing, including adjectives, expanded noun phrases and speech. Our learning will be supported by the lovely picture book 'Journey' by Aaron Becker.

Maths



EYFS: Our children will continue to follow our Mastering Number Programme, working on the basic skills needed to become fluent mathematicians. This will continue to be achieved through daily adult led sessions alongside our daily explore time.

KSI: Our focus this half term will be on place value, multiplication and division. We will explore new concepts in these areas using a range of equipment to secure children's understanding with visual, 'hands on' learning. We will also learn about shape and measures.

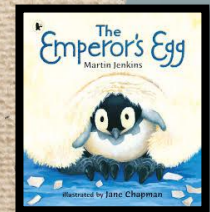
Science

Our science topic this half term is 'Everyday Materials'. We will look at different types of materials and follow different lines of inquiry about these, conducting tests to answer given questions.



EYFS

In the EYFS this half term we will be focussing on the Winter season. We will look closely at some of the changes that we notice during this season and in our familiar environment. Our learning will be supported by a range of texts, including 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers, 'The Emperor's Egg' by Martin Jenkins and 'The Storm Whale in Winter' by Benji Davies. We will explore further the features of narratives, getting to know a range of new characters, settings and plots!



Art & DT

Our art focus this half term is all about drawing. In this unit, we will be learning all about sketching, shading and mark making techniques. We will learn how to apply these skills to produce a final piece.



History/Geography

In geography we will be exploring the oceans and seas, learning to locate and name these. We will also use maps and globes to identify the world's 7 continents.

In history, we will be looking at travel at sea, with a focus on boats. We will explore boats in the past, and present and discuss communication methods and life at sea.



Music

Our focus this half term will be on pitch and tempo. We will explore these concepts through the topic 'Superheroes', exploring a range of sounds and pitch patterns.



PSHE and RE

Our theme in PSHE this term is 'Keeping Safe'.

In RE, children in KS1 will be learning 'Who is Jewish and how do they live?', whilst in EYFS our focus will be 'Why is the word God important to Christians?'

Computing

Our learning in computing will see us focus on an introduction to data. We will look at a range of simple information presented using technology and understand how to read and to interpret this.



PE

Every Tuesday, Explorers Class will be taught PE by Hawkes Health. Please ensure that children come to school in their PE kits. Children will need a PE jumper and trainers as these sessions often take place outside. **All clothing should be labelled.**