



# Half Term Curriculum Overview

Years 1&2 Spring1-2019 'Explore and Discover'

## English

In English this term year 1 & 2 will be covering the following units Insha'Allah: Our focus book will be *A Walk in London* by Salvatore Rubbino.

Theme: Urban Metropolis

- Role play
- Identify the features of both recount and information texts
- Identify facts and fiction
- Designing a tour guide

Children will analyse the various components of this story in four weeks. After reading the book (*A walk in London*) they will create a local version of 'A Walk in.....' using two styles of writing, recount and information. The class will have an initial trip out (for a local walk) where they will focus on the recount, but after they will return on the walk purely with a fact-finding mission in mind. In the final part, they will merge both styles of writing to create a new tour guide for their chosen area. All of this will be a response to a letter received from a local councillor asking the children if they can come up with a better guidebook, or new guidebook for the place in mind. Finally, they will publish their outcomes and present to one another in the class

**Cross Curricular Links:** Geography (Geographical skills and fieldwork, human and physical features, maps and aerial photos) **British Values:** Tolerance and Respect of opinion, children share their imagination and others must respect how their friends express themselves.

**Coverage from National Curriculum 2014:** Reading and Writing coverage from Curriculum 2014. Spoken language is covered throughout.

## Mathematics

The units that will be covered this half term in Maths are:

- **Geometry: Shape**
- **Multiplication & Division**

Children are given work to suit their abilities and their learning needs, thus they are stretched to their maximum potential. We have group support and intervention sessions for children that need extra push. Interactive working wall that gets updated weekly with reasoning and problem solving questions.

## Science

**Spring 1 is full investigation, exploring and discovery for year 1 and 2 as we enter the exciting world of 'Super Scientists'. This term will involve a lot of hands on practical activities. Some of our units will include:**

Investigate the effect gravity has on everyday Objects, finding out whether sound can pass through Materials and to investigate how germs are transferred by touching things. Plus, so much more!

We will also learn about the stories of amazing scientists such as Isaac Newton, Alexander Fleming and Alexander Graham Bell amongst others.

## TOPIC

**History:** 'Intrepid Explorers'

This term the year 1 & 2 class will be introduced to two famous explorers Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong, investigating why they are remembered today, what they achieved and how they are similar to or different from each other. Once they have all the information they need, they will use it to combine their Literacy knowledge of 'A walk in London' to create a tour guide for the two explorers!

## PSHE

This unit focuses on introducing the concept of risk and developing understanding of ways in which risk might be reduced. Children will continue to build on their understanding of the importance of people they can turn to regularly for help, support and reassurance. In addition to this, children will be introduced to the idea that there might be times when they need to turn to an adult they do not know for help.

## PE

In PE this term we will focus on **Cricket**. Continuing on from the topic of **team work** and throwing and catching, in Spring 1 children use their skills of throwing (under arm, over arm, catching and working together as a team.

## D&T

**Vehicles** - In this unit the children will investigate a variety of different vehicles before undertaking the fun task of designing, making and evaluating their own vehicle. They will also learn all about wheels, axles and chassis and how they are combined to make the framework of the vehicle, as well as how to create an eye-catching body.

Cross Curricular link: Science

## Homework

- **English/Maths:** Homework is set to consolidate skills taught in class. In preparation for SATS in Year 2, all children will be provided with reading comprehension and grammar work.
- Homework will be given out on **Thursday** to be returned the following **Tuesday**.
- **Spellings:** There will a test every **Friday** and new spellings to be given out on the following **Friday**.
- **Reading:** To be practiced regularly. Please ensure your child/ren read to you for **30 minutes** per day. **More importantly, please question your child to identify whether they have understood what they have read. (see Miss Ifraax/Miss Salma if you're unsure)**
- **Y1 Practise timetables daily:** x2 x5 x10 (CH: x3) **Y2 Practise timetables daily:** x2 x3 x4 x5 x6 x7 x8 x9 x10
- **(please see us to get an idea of the changes to the way the national curriculum is teaching time tables)**