



# SOUTH BOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Year 2 Learning Newsletter - *Term 5*

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### The **BIG** question... Can all difficulties be solved?



#### Welcome to Term 4!

This term our big question is 'can all difficulties be solved?'. We will be discussing this question over the course of the term and will be looking at ways that we can start to solve difficulties that we face both inside and outside of school. We will incorporate problem solving into our whole curriculum and will focus on people who have achieved success despite difficulties as part of our history learning.

#### English

This term, our English learning will focus on writing a range of texts that use a range of fantastic vocabulary.

We will be writing a set of instructions, a description and a recount which will all enable the children to show off the skills they have learnt so far this year. In Reading, we will be reading a range of fiction and non-fiction texts. We will focus on the reading skills of retrieval, interpretation and authors choice. We will be continuing to consolidate the children's phonics knowledge and learning new spelling rules such as the n sound spelt 'kn' and 'gn' at the beginning of words.

#### History

Our History learning this term is going to focus on historical events and people. We will mainly look at a range of explorers including Christopher Columbus and use this to link to the Big Question and consider what problems these significant people may have faced before they became a historical figure.



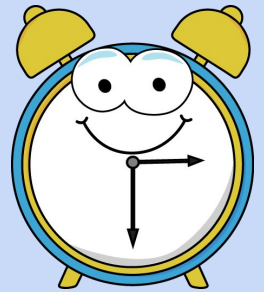
#### Physical Education

One of our PE lessons this term will be with our new sports coach Robbie who will be teaching us Cricket skills. Our class teachers will be teaching Zumba on the second lesson of the week.

#### Maths

This term we will be looking at the time. We will start by knowing o' clock, quarter past, half past and quarter to. Please practise telling the time at home! The children will also start to look at statistics, using bar charts, pictograms and tables to represent data.

As always, please encourage your child to access TTRS to help them with their times table knowledge.



#### Religious Education

This term, we will be learning about Judaism; including what jewish people believe, where they worship and their special occasions.

#### Science

This term, the children will start to explore the topic of living things and their habitats. We will build upon the knowledge about animals that they have gained through their previous learning and will discuss what animals need from their habitats to ensure that they survive.

#### Computing

In computing, we will be continuing to explore how algorithms work and how we can make our own algorithms on a computer or different form of technology. Our computing learning will also look at E-Safety and ensuring we understand how to stay safe online.

## Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE)

Our Jigsaw theme this term is 'Relationships'. We will be looking at friendships and how we can build trust within them. We will also explore how we can resolve conflict and show appreciation.



## Music

Our music this term is going to be based around the song 'friendship time'. We will continue to look at beat and rhythm, remembering the words and tune to the song.

## Speaking and Listening (talking points for you and your child at home)

- Please continue to support your child by discussing any difficulties they may be facing and by working with them to come up with steps that they can take to try and resolve or ease these difficulties.
- Please continue to encourage your child to use TTRS and mathletics. TTRS particularly will help them with their maths learning this term.
- When reading with your child, please discuss the book that they are reading with them with questions like: Are you enjoying this book? What do you think will happen next? What does this word mean?

## Reminders and Important Dates

- May - SATs
- April 28th - Space themed experience day
- Last week of Term - Secret Agent party (this will be confirmed nearer the time!)
- PE days are **Wednesday and Thursday** each week. Please remember to ensure your child wears their PE kit to school on these days.

## SATs

During the month of May, the children in Year 2 will be taking their SATs. They will take these in small groups with an adult from their class. These will be presented to the children as 'special missions' and will not be discussed as tests in school in order to limit stress on the children. If your child discusses special missions at home please refer to the tests in this way. As always if you have any questions about this please do not hesitate to contact us.



## Art

This term the children in Year 2 will be learning about printmaking techniques. They will be using biomorphic shapes, geometric shapes and their colour theory knowledge to create amazing printed art works.

Artist study- Andy Warhol and Joan Miro.



## Recommended Reading for this term

These books will be available in your classroom book corner:



## Home Learning



Google Classroom



Mathletics



TT Rockstars

