

Curriculum Overview for Year 2

Spring 1

Our theme for this term is **Explorers**.

English core books: 'Shackleton's Journey,' 'Tom the Great Explorer' and 'Poems Aloud'.

Maths: Our half term target is to be able to **skip count in twos and fives**. Multiplication is our new learning focus.

Science: Animals Including Humans—Animal and Human Life Cycles

Geography: Colder Climates

RE: Places of Worship (Churches and Cathedrals)

Art: Landscape Painting

PE: Gymnastics

Computing: Information technology: Taking photographs.

Music: Recorder

UNCRC: #19—the right to be protected from harm and to be safe; #31—The right to play and relax

SDG Focus: SDG #16 Peace, justice and strong institutions

PSHCE lessons will focus on positive friendships and will be a space to discuss global/local/school issues as they arise. Our RSE lesson will cover gender stereotypes and how these can be negative.

Online safety focus: Knowing how being online can effect mental and physical health.

Trips this half term:

Battersea Park Library – this is a free trip

St Paul's Cathedral—this is a free trip

Emergency Issues (medicines/phone numbers etc)

Please ensure that the office is informed of any medical needs/allergies your child may have. It is essential that we have an up to date record. Please also make sure we have your up to date mobile number in case of an emergency with your child.

Break times

Children in Y2 are given free fruit at playtime.

PE

PE will be on a **Monday** afternoon. Please make sure your child brings their full **Chesterton** PE kit (including black tracksuit bottoms for outdoor PE in colder weather) and suitable trainers on this day. The PE uniform includes a white polo shirt, black plimsolls/trainers and school PE shorts/**plain** black jogging bottoms.

Maths

This half term is all about multiplication! Please introduce your child to Times Table Rockstars. You can also find some enriching multiplication activities here:

<https://nrich.maths.org/13782>

Please keep helping your child with their number bonds and basic facts on NumBots or here:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?q=number+bonds+to+10>

English

Remember to read at home every day and answer the questions that have been written in the school reading journals.

Spelling homework is to be completed in yellow spelling homework books once a week.

Geography

Can you find the answers to these key questions?

1. Who was Ernest Shackleton and why is he famous?
2. What oceans are there in the world?
3. What are the North and South Poles?

You can also support your child by making a World Map and labelling it with: **The 7 continents, the 5 oceans, the North Pole, the South Pole, the equator**

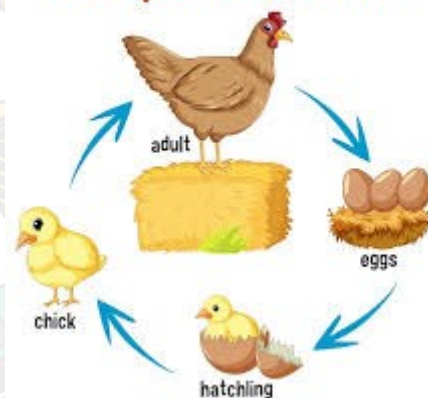
Home Learning

Science

Our topic this term is Animals Including Humans—Life cycles. To help your child you can:

- Draw the lifecycle of an animal you like. You could even print them out and make a hanging mobile!
- Explore different animal's lifecycles.
- For some fun support your child playing this free Life Cycle game: <https://www.tinytap.com/activities/g3snh/play/life-cycle>

Life Cycle of a Chicken



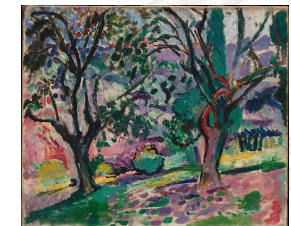
Art

This half term we are going to be sketching and painting. To support your child you can:

- Practise sketching local green spaces with pencils
- Discuss our key artists below: What does your child like or not like about these artists?



Zaria Forman



Henri Matisse