



# Autumn Newsletter

**Dear Year 2 Parents and Carers,**

Welcome to a new year and an exciting new curriculum! We would like to share with you what your child will be learning in the Autumn term.

## **Topic: Movers and Shakers**

Our Autumn topic focus is on historically significant people who have had a major impact on the world. They will learn to use timelines, stories and historical sources to find out about the people featured and use historical models to explore their significance. Our English texts will focus on a variety of historical figures and contexts to link our learning across the curriculum.

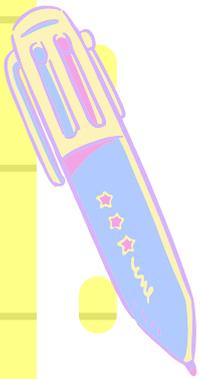
## **Key figures we will be learning about:**

Christopher Columbus, Neil Armstrong, Rosa Parks, Emmeline Pankhurst

## **Arts:**

**Art:** Our project this term is on Still Life. This project teaches children about the work of significant still life artists and still life techniques. They explore a wide variety of still lifes and learn about the use of colour and composition. They create still life arrangements and artwork.

**Music:** We will be looking at two units this term. Tony Chestnut and Carnival of the Animals. The children will investigate beat, rhythm and melody as well as exploring how composers use instruments to create pictures in our imaginations



## STEM:

Maths: Our units this term will focus on Place Value, Addition and Subtraction and Shape.

Science: First we will be looking at human survival and what the basic needs of humans are for survival, including the importance of exercise, nutrition and good hygiene. We will learn how human offspring grow and change over time into adulthood. Our second topic is habitats - This project teaches children about habitats and what a habitat needs to provide. We will explore local habitats to identify and name living things and begin to understand how they depend on one another for food and shelter.

D.T: Remarkable recipes - This project teaches children about sources of food and tools used for food preparation. They also discover why some foods are cooked and learn to read a simple recipe. The children choose and make a new school meal that fulfils specific design criteria.

Computing: We will be revisiting how to keep safe online as well as what technology we use around us and different ways we can use the internet.

## RE and PSHE

Our RE topics this term will focus on how different faiths use food in their celebrations. We will then move on to looking at different festivals celebrated by a number of different faiths. PSHE will focus on being ourselves and celebrating our differences.

## Reminders:

- PE days are Tuesday and Thursday, please make sure all kit is named and children have appropriate shoes e.g trainers
- Reading books and records should be returned whenever your child has finished their book, as children move on to reading longer texts we do not expect these returned daily!
- Forest School for Year 2 is this term, please check the letter that was emailed and the school website as to dates for each class and what clothing is required.
- Library days for Beech are Fridays and Chestnut are Thursdays

*We are looking forward to an exciting first term!*

**Mrs Mustoe and Miss Anderson**

