



Topic: Explore!

This term we will cross the Atlantic Ocean with Christopher Columbus, one of the most famous European explorers and discover an old civilisation.



Commando Joe:

This term we will meet Pocahontas who will inspire our spring missions through which we will continue to develop our character traits of Resilience, Empathy, Self-Awareness, Passion, Excellence, Communication and Teamwork
(R.E.S.P.E.C.T)

PHSE:

We will look at our families as well as knowing and respecting other family structures, knowing that a key feature is a loving, caring environment. Recognising and managing our feelings are also important skills for us to learn as we grow.



PE: Mr Brown is our new PE teacher and he will be taking the children for gymnastics and football lessons this term.

Reminders: Please could the children continue to come to school dressed in PE kit every Thursday.

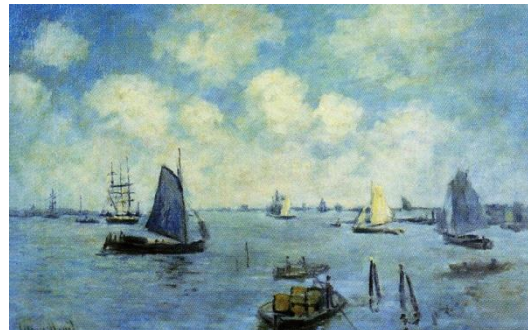
Weekly Events:

Spellings: Every **Wednesday**, starting Wednesday 6th January, we shall continue our spelling tests. The spellings were sent home last term. The marked spelling book will be sent home on Wednesday night so that you know the result.

Reading Challenge: Children are asked to read at home at least 3 times a week to achieve the weekly reading challenge. For us to be sure that they have achieved the challenge, we ask that parents record their child's reading with any comments in the reading diary.

Times Tables: The children will have speed tests on their times tables on most days but extra practice at home will ensure the facts are embedded. By the end of Year 4, the children need to be able to recall the 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12x tables' facts, at speed.

Homework: Each **Thursday** your child will receive a homework task to be completed and handed in by the following **Wednesday**. If he/she struggles with the work given or finds it not challenging enough, please let me know.



Art and Design Technology:

After making observations on the work of Mondrian and Monet, we will try our hand at our own masterpieces!
In Technology, we will design, make and evaluate a boat to help with our explorations.

Computing:

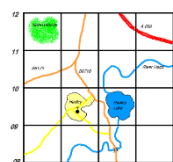
Safer Internet Day is on February 9th, with the theme being - 'Exploring reliability in an online world'. When we research information, how can we trust that the information is true and reliable?

History: This term we shall find out about the life of Christopher Columbus and the effects of his explorations. We will also delve deeper into the Mayan civilisation to find out more about their lives, including speculating how the civilisation may have ended.

Geography:

Our knowledge of the world, and how to navigate our way using compass directions and grid references, are essential skills for explorers.

RE: We continue to investigate the main ideas in the 'Big Story' of Christianity, especially Easter, and try to understand the impact of the Pentecost, according to Christians.



Science: 'Forces and Magnets' will be our Science topic. The British Science Week in March will see us finding out more about 'Light'.