

Important dates for this half term:

10.11.15: Yr 3 Family Learning afternoon
11.11.15: Yr 3 Celebration Assembly
10-12.11.15: Parent Teacher Meetings
W/b: 16.11.15: Anti-Bullying week
25.11.15: Sports Celebration Assembly
14.11.15: Arts Celebration Assembly
10.12.15 (4:15pm) Yr 3 Carol Concert at Wymondham Abbey

Topic

We will be looking at a number of famous explorers and engineers such as Ernst Shackleton, Christopher Columbus and The Wright brothers. We will learn about Henry Worsley and his new expedition, 'Shackleton Solo', which began on the 21st of October this year. We will also learn about British astronaut Tim Peake and his mission to the ISS at the end of this month.

Through our topic lessons we will be in contact with a fictional character, Michael Strongarm and will help him to complete a range of missions which involve working scientifically. We will look at forces and magnets and compare how some forces require contact whereas magnets can show their force without making contact. We will look at a range of materials and compare whether they are magnetic or not as well as comparing how vehicles travel on different surfaces. Using our scientific knowledge, we will look at developing a clear design to fit a specific brief and use a range of materials to build a tool for explorer Michael Strongarm.

Maths

Wk 1: Number, place value and money
Wk 2: Mental addition and subtraction
Wk 3: Shape, measure and data
Wk 4: Mental multiplication and division
Wk 5&6: Fractions, decimals, percentages, ratio

Times table focus: 2x, 5x, 10x and 3x

MFL

Weekly French lessons will continue to be taught by Madame Scarborough every Wednesday.
-Numbers
-Nursery Rhymes

Music

Weekly Ukulele lessons will continue to take place every Wednesday with Mr Ward.

PE

Dance (Thursday PM)
Gymnastics (Friday PM)

PSHE PATHS

Explorers & Engineers

'Pushing boundaries and overcoming barriers'

Reading

Please remind your children that they need their reading book and reading record in school every day.

Guided Reading

We will continue to use the 'Project X Origins' books within our Guided Reading sessions.

Class book

We are reading 'Alien Raid' and 'Space Rescue' from the i-Hero series by Steve Barlow & Steve Skidmore in class. These books are great and we would recommend any others from the series!



Literacy

Persuasive writing: We will be writing an application to become the next British astronaut. We will also research the mission to Mars, scheduled to take place in 2020, and will argue for and against Michael Strongarm applying to become a member of the crew.

Narrative: We will use the i-Hero books as inspiration to write our own adventure story.

Biography: The children will read the biographies of different famous explorers and write their own.

Poetry: Towards the end of term we will use Holst's 'The Planets' to write our own poetry about space travel.

Throughout the term we will have a focus on **speaking aloud** to an audience.

Grammar

Word: Use of the forms a or an according to whether the next word begins with a consonant or a vowel.

Sentence: Expressing time, place and cause using conjunctions

Text: Introduction to paragraphs

Terminology for pupils: adverb, preposition, conjunction, word family, prefix, clause, subordinate clause, direct speech, consonant, consonant letter, vowel, vowel letter, inverted commas (or 'speech marks')

Spelling

Homophones and near homophones

Possessive apostrophe with singular and plural words