



Year 2 Curriculum Overview - To infinity and beyond

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Curriculum Intent: In Year 2 we will be using the theme of space journeys to find out about a specific historical event. The children will learn about the first moon landing and consider whether continued space exploration should be allowed. This focus will support our English learning and provide a context for problem solving in maths.



English — Our English focus will be based upon two fiction books; *The Way Back Home* by Oliver Jeffers and *Man on the Moon* by Simon Bertram. The children will use these stories to innovate and create their own versions including using appropriate tenses and a range of conjunctions. We will also be teaching children how to use commas in a list and apostrophes where words are contracted, e.g. 'can't'.



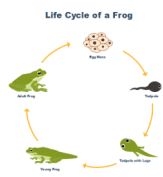
Maths — We will continue to develop our mental calculation skills by using known facts to calculate efficiently, as well as using concrete and number line resources. This will include addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will also be learning about measuring time and weight and explore the properties of 3D shapes.



Forest — We will focus on following and drawing simple maps to support our geographical learning.



Science — In our science learning, we will explore animal life cycles and explore the question, 'do bigger animals live longer?'



Art — We will be developing our observational drawing skills. We will look at some still life artists and draw objects from different angles using soft pencils.



Geography — We will be using globes, atlases, and maps to answer the question; 'is everywhere in the world hot?' We will identify the hot and cold areas of the world and begin to understand the relationship between climate and place.



RE — We will be exploring the concept of authority. We will find out about key events in the life of Jesus and how these events show Jesus' authority for Christians.

Music — All the learning in this unit is related to listening to and appraising different styles of Rock Music. Children will listen to a range of Rock songs and appraise them by focusing on rhythm. They will play percussion instruments to accompany the songs, building up to creating and performing their own compositions.

History — We will be examining a range of sources to learn about the first moon landing. The children will also compare Neil Armstrong with Tim Peake and compare similarities and differences between their experiences. We will also spend time learning about the important role of Katherine Johnson, the NASA mathematician whose work was not recognised in society at the time.



PE — On a **Tuesday** we will be learning to develop Dance routines with partners and in small groups related to the theme of the seasons. On a **Friday** we will be learning Gymnastics, in particular focusing on controlling different types of jumps from different heights of equipment.



PSHE (Jigsaw) — Our Jigsaw learning is about dreams and goals. We will celebrate individual aspirations and support learning collaboratively with others to achieve an outcome.

