

Year 2 - Copernicus

Class Newsletter - Spring first half



Happy New Year!

We hope you have had a lovely Christmas with your families. We are sad that not everyone is back at school but know that you will do us proud by continuing to learn at home. Learning activities will be put on the Copernicus class page on the school website daily to be used with the learning pack that will be available fortnightly. Each day will have a date so that you can easily see what is expected that day. There will be videos and links to support learning. Click here to get onto the school website.

<https://southbankprimary.co.uk/copernicus-year-2/>

Microsoft Teams will be used for us to keep in touch with children. There will be weekly check-ins on a Wednesday where we will be able to talk to groups of children about learning and share photos of work completed at home. You can upload photos onto the Copernicus Teams channel.

Topic

Our topic this half term is *Land Ahoy*. We will be following the adventures of our very own Captain James Cook to Australia. We will look at the different continents and seas using maps and atlases. We will learn about what life was like as a sailor and compare the different places that he visited.



In art, we will look at the artistic works from different cultures including that of the aborigines. We will have a go at creating our own aborigine style art work.

Phonics

Children in year 2 have already done their phonics screen test last half term. For those children who did not pass, they will sit a retest at a later date. We will be focussing this term on applying phonics in our writing.

Literacy

This term we will be developing our pleasure in reading a range of books including traditional tales and poetry.

In writing, we will be focussing on spelling the KS1 common exception words. These can be found on the Copernicus class page on the school website as well as learning pack. We will be developing the use of description in our writing to make it more interesting to the reader.

Maths

In Maths, we will be looking at recognising different coins and making amounts of money. We will then be solving problems including giving change. We will also be learning our 2, 5 and 10 times tables. Children can practise these on Times Table Rock Stars.

PE

Whilst not at school, it is important that children continue to exercise daily to develop their muscle control and keep healthy. Exercise is also good for emotional health and wellbeing. You could simply go for a walk or use YouTube videos such as cosmic yoga or Joe Wicks.