

## English

We will continue to have RWI phonics sessions 5 times a week. We will be introducing the children to 'Alien' words (nonsense words made from the phonic sounds eg yawb, jight etc).

In Literacy we will be retelling some contemporary 'explorer' fiction stories before writing factual pieces about the historical explorers we are studying in History. We will also be writing some 'Space' poetry.

Home School diaries are used to track reading in school and at home. Please hear your child read several times a week and complete the book change sheet when your child takes a new book.



## Maths

We will start the term focussing on number and place value to 50. The children will learn that 2-digit numbers are made from some tens and some ones. They will compare numbers to 50 using inequality symbols:  $<$ ,  $>$ , as well as the equals symbol. The children will be learning to count in 2s, 5s and 10s. They will also learn to measure length and mass using non-standard and standard measurements.



## History

Our topic this term is Explorers. The children will learn about how explorers from the past have helped our lives today. We will concentrate on two significant explorers from the past: Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong. The children will use a range of sources to find out about these men, what they did and why they are so important. The children will think about why these explorers were brave and which explorer they think was the bravest. We will be linking this through our literacy work.



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# Explorers

## DT

In DT, to fit with our Explorers and Space theme, we will be designing and making a Space Buggy. NASA wants to put a man on Mars by 2030 - could Bramshaw Class provide the winning Mars space buggy design? Please can you talk to your child about ideas for a design and collect 'junk' items to enable them to make a model **in class**. **Please bring your junk materials in for the week beginning 12th March, when it will be transformed into moving Space vehicles!** Thank you.



## Science

Materials is our focus for Science this term. We will be naming and describing materials including wood, metal, plastic, glass and fabric. We will think about why materials are used for certain purposes and will investigate how to find a suitable material for a coat for our teddy. We will also look at how materials can change through heating by making biscuits. We might need biscuit makers, so please get your aprons ready!

Don't forget too that we have our exciting Space expedition trip on Monday 5th March at the Winchester Science Museum. We need three parent volunteers to ensure that we have the correct adult to child ratio, so please let us know if this appeals to you!

