



# Year 2 - Summer 1

## OUR TOPIC FOR THIS HALF TERM:

In History, we will be learning about explorers and significant individuals such as Christopher Columbus, Amelia Earhart and Neil Armstrong. We will be learning how they travelled and how this impacted our lives today.

In Geography, we will be learning about coastlines. We will be recapping what a human and physical feature is and which ones we can find at the coasts. We will be learning which seas and oceans surround the UK and finding them on a map.

In Science, we will be learning about plants. We will be discovering the different parts of flowers and plants before moving onto different types of trees.

## OUR QUALITY TEXT:

In writing, we will continue to develop a range of skills and build on our independence. We will be doing pieces of writing based around these 2 texts:

Big Book of Blue



Lights on Cotton Rock



## KEY LEARNING IN MATHS:



In Maths we will be learning about Fractions. In this topic we will be looking in depth at finding a half, quarter, third and tenth of a quantity and number.

Fraction challenges will expect the children to find non-unit fractions of an amount e.g. three quarters of an amount.

We will then be moving on to telling the time to the nearest 5 minutes using analogue and digital clocks. We will be focusing specifically on using the 12-hour notation for time.

### How you can help at home:

Time is a difficult concept for children to understand and grasp, especially at a young age. Please sit with your child and explore a clock face, what they notice about the numbers, hands, how the hands move around the clock: direction and speed. Use vocabulary with your child such as 'past', 'to', 'am', 'pm', 'o'clock', 'half past', 'quarter past', 'quarter to'.

## USEFUL SATS REVISION WEBSITES

[Daily 10 - Mental Maths Challenge - Topmarks](#)

[Hit the Button - Quick fire maths practise for 6-11 year olds \(topmarks.co.uk\)](#)

[www.learner.org/series/interactive-spelling-bee](http://www.learner.org/series/interactive-spelling-bee) (good for practising spelling for KSI SATs using Grade 2 upwards).

Please help your child by using Times Table Rock Stars and Numbots to practise their mental arithmetic skills.

Please ensure you are reading with your child 3 times a week and recording this in their reading record. Thank you for your support.

## Useful vocab

### Science

- Deciduous
- Evergreen
- Stem
- Petal
- Bulb
- Seed

## Useful vocab

### Geography

- Human feature
- Physical feature
- Coastline
- Route
- Erosion

**REMINDERS: PE kits must be worn on PE days, these are Thursday and Friday.  
Children should bring their water bottle every week.**