

# Roydon Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

As usual we are sending you information about this term.

## Curriculum Content

Our topic is "Explorers"; we will be doing some geography and history work to find out the places in the world that have been discovered and the impact it has had on us. This week we have started with some map work and next week we will begin our travels with Captain Cook exploring Australia.



Captain James Cook

<b>Maths</b>	4 rules of number, fractions, shape, data-handling
<b>English</b>	Diary writing, play scripts, descriptive writing, stories, persuasive writing, poetry. Grammar, punctuation, spellings, handwriting and reading comprehension.
<b>Science</b>	Plants, Animals and Humans (plus Forces for Kingfishers)
<b>History</b>	Captain Cook's discovery of Australia, other explorers e.g. Christopher Columbus, Sir Walter Raleigh, etc.
<b>Geography</b>	Map work - locating cities and countries, the continents, coordinates, compass points
<b>Computing</b>	Designing and creating programs, branching, internet skills and safety, desktop publishing,
<b>Art</b>	Observational drawing, painting, printing
<b>DT</b>	Designing a pulley system, cooking
<b>RE</b>	Islam - what does it mean to belong to Islam?
<b>Music</b>	Songs from different traditions and performance music
<b>French - Year 5</b>	Telling the time and different sports
<b>Spanish - Year 4</b>	Birthdays, pets, families
<b>PE</b>	Year 5 -Swimming Rounders, cricket, tennis and athletics

**Headteacher:** Mrs S.H. Bradford

**Deputy Headteacher:** Miss D.K. Stannard

## PE

Please make sure that P.E. kit is named. It should be brought in at the start of the week so that it is available if a timetable change occurs, or if there are lunchtime clubs. Various sporting competitions will take place at the high school this term, e.g. Kwik Cricket, rounders and athletics. Information will be sent to those selected.



## Homework

We hope that all children will read every day. Some children have made amazing progress with their reading this year. It really does help if they read to an adult and discuss the **story content, characters** and **vocabulary**. Thank you to everyone who finds the time to listen to their child.

Maths homework is given on Tuesdays and should be handed in by Thursday. Spellings will continue to be given on a Monday and tested on a Friday. A reminder of the method of learning is in the front of the children's spelling books. We will produce a "menu" for English/topic work, similar to last term, where the children can choose a number of activities to do over a period of time.

## Talks

This term we would like all children to prepare and deliver a talk about a place they have explored. This may be about a place they have been to on holiday or somewhere they have visited for a day. The talk should be 2- 3 minutes long and the children will be encouraged to make prompt cards to help them. An information sheet giving more detail will be given to the children.

## West Runton Trip

To complement our science work on minibeasts, we have arranged to take the children to West Runton to do some rock pool exploration. This will be on **Wednesday June 5<sup>th</sup>** - more details will follow. We will be looking for some adult helpers so, if you fancy a day at the coast, please see one of us.



## Book and Science Week



Our Book Week will be combined with science week. It has been planned for June 10<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> and will involve some exciting activities around the theme of the story of the Gingerbread Man.

Children will be encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character - so start thinking about what to wear! (Note: Pinterest has lots of book character ideas of costumes to make.)

The author James Campbell will spend 2 days in school during the week and will do a writing workshop with each of our classes.

## Cycling



We have arranged for all children in Year 4 and 5 to have some cycling lessons in the second half of the term. These are not compulsory, but if your child rides a bike they will benefit from being taught basic road safety. A letter will be sent telling you when bikes and helmets need to be brought into school.

### Diary Dates - Specific information about some events will be sent nearer the time

- Year 4 residential trip to Ringsfield - Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May
- Trip to West Runton - Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June
- Book and Science Week - 10<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> June
- Parents' Evening - Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June and Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June
- Trip to Norfolk Show - Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> June.
- Sports Day - Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July (reserve day: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June)
- Busking Day - Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July

We hope you find this information useful; if you have any questions please come and see us after school.

Yours sincerely,

Dawn Stannard, Stacey Vale and Katharine Walsh