

# Urban Explorers

**PSHE:** Our key questions this term are:  
How can I manage big emotions?  
What do I need to do to achieve my dreams?  
How can I keep myself safe at home?  
How can I recognise risks around me?  
What can I do if I recognise an unsafe situation?  
What things are safe to go into our bodies?  
What would I do if there was an emergency?

**Computing:** We will be exploring ways to present information, including a quiz, a fact file and a presentation using Purple Mash. We will also be learning to carry out effective searches. We will be using this information to research famous bridges.

**Welcome to Year 2!** We hope you have all had an enjoyable break and that the children are ready for our last half term in Year 2. It is going to be a busy one!

**Key Dates:**

- 8th June - School Re-opens
- 12th June - Dress down day for Summer Fair
- W/B 15th June - Get Active Week
- 17th June - Sports day and family picnic
- 26th June - Dress down day for Bottle tombola & PTA Summer Fair after school
- 1st July - Reserve date for sports day and family picnic
- 10th July - Annual School Reports are sent home
- 13th July - Year 2 book share session

**Music:** This half term, pupils will focus on selecting and combining sounds in their musical work. They will develop their ability to create and recognise a range of sounds, using the inter-related dimensions of music such as pitch, rhythm, and dynamics to shape and refine their own compositions.

**RE:** Our focus religion this half term is Judaism, including the story of Joseph, places of worship and important times for Jewish people.

**Supporting your child at home:**

Thank you for your ongoing support with your child's learning at home. Please read regularly with your child each week, focussing not only on fluency, but comprehension skills as well. This should be a minimum of four times a week. Weekly spellings to practise at home will be sent out each Friday, and there will be a written check the following Friday. This will help the children to learn the Year 2 spelling rules. For Maths, please can you help them learn their 2, 5 and 10 times tables off by heart. You may wish to use your Times Tables Rock Stars log in at home to support this.

**Creative Curriculum:** Our topic this half term has a geography focus, comparing human and physical features of Manchester and New York. We will find key features using maps as well as videos and texts. We will look in particular at transport and buildings in both cities, then show our learning in an information leaflet. Our Design and Technology project is structures this half term, so as Urban Explorers we will investigate different bridges, evaluate joining techniques, then create our own bridge.

**English:** This term, our writing will be linked to our comparison of New York and Manchester and will culminate in an information leaflet about each city. We will use drama and reading to support our writing and the grammar focus will be expanding sentences with adjectives and conjunctions. Our weekly guided reading session will continue to focus on comprehension skills. Spelling practise will take place 4 times a week, continuing to learn the Year 2 spelling rules. There will also be regular handwriting practise, as we begin to join.

**Maths:** The main focus of this half term is developing pupils' understanding of time. Children will learn to recognise and tell the time using terms such as o'clock, half past, quarter past, and quarter to. They will also build confidence in reading time past the hour, including to the nearest five minutes, and deepen their understanding of the number of minutes in an hour and hours in a day. We will then move on to statistics, where children will learn to create and read information presented in tables, charts, and pictograms. We will then focus on position and direction, thinking about how we describe movement and turns.

**PE:** Indoor PE will continue to take place on a Friday, with the focus on gymnastics. On Thursday mornings, pupils will participate in 'Smile for a Mile'. Outdoor Games sessions will be held on Mondays where children will focus on skills and activities in preparation for Sports Day. Please ensure that your child always comes to school with the correct PE kit, including suitable clothing for outdoor sessions and that all items are clearly labelled.

