

## Our Theme Next Term is..

### “Amazing Adventures”

During this theme the children will travel through on Penguin Blu's kite and travel to places far and wide! These places may be areas that the children have visited locally, imaginary worlds that they would love to visit, or even places out of this world!

We will look at the various continents and countries of our planet and compare and contrast these. We will also consider customs, festivals and traditional dress of our chosen places e.g. Chinese New Year.

The children will have lots of writing opportunities, including some non-fiction writing based on their research, and letter writing to people who live in the countries we study.

Why not discuss with your children the places that feature in the news over the Christmas holidays and what it might be like to go there? We would love them to have places in mind that they would like to learn about when they return after the holidays.

## Curriculum Drivers

**Real life/purpose** - The children will draw upon their own experiences of other places in the world and choose where they would like to explore

**Independence** - The children will have the opportunity to complete independent research of various places, for example, Earth, outer Space and fantasy worlds

**Diverse Community** - The children will compare and contrast their surroundings to various others in the world

## Links

### Theme

<http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/sciencefacts/countries.html>

<http://www.factmonster.com/countries.html>

<http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/explore/>

### Maths

<http://mathmunch.org>

## Housekeeping

- Please make sure your child's name is written on all of their uniform, including indoor and outdoor P.E. kits
- Please ensure your child's pumps/trainers still fit them



## What's On

### Southport Theatre

- Cinderella 15th December - 6rd January 2018

### Southport Christmas Markets

-Chapel Street, 23rd November - 17th December

### Christmas Ice-Rink

- Town Hall Gardens, 1st-31st December (excluding Christmas Day and Boxing Day)



# Year 2 Newsletter



2C enjoyed using the i-Pads to follow compass directions on the playground. They gave each other instructions and travelled around using the 8 compass points, much like explorers such as Christopher Columbus would do.



During the Autumn term, 2D enjoyed talking about what Harvest meant to them and wrote an acrostic poem together in groups.



2B really enjoyed dressing up for a variety of occasions, including Hello Yellow Day and Children in Need!

2E loved designing, building and testing their models of Christopher Columbus' ship. We thought carefully about the different materials we could use and how to join each part together. Finally, we tested them to see if they would float or sink.



## Reading

**'Blown Away' by Rob Biddulph**



**'The Snail and the Whale' Julia Donaldson**

### Books to Read

**Other books by Julia Donaldson...**

The Gruffalo  
Room on the Broom  
Monkey Puzzle  
A Squash and a Squeeze  
What the Ladybird Heard  
The Ugly Five  
The Detective Dog  
Zog  
There's an Owl in my Towel



## **Going for Gold!**

Congratulations to those children who have already achieved an award!

To keep your daily points for your bronze, silver and gold awards, you must always work hard and demonstrate great behaviour in your classroom and on the playground.

Ask your teacher what you need to do for your next award, if you are unsure!

### **Quotes**

**"Making boats was so much fun, I wish we could sail to America in them!"**

