

YEAR 2 NEWSLETTER SUMMER 1 2024

Our topic this half term is **Flight**

Please note that this overview may be subject to change if unforeseen circumstances arise.



ENGLISH	In English, we will look at the life of Amelia Earhart and write a biography of her life. We will also look at some familiar stories such as <i>The Gruffalo</i> and <i>The Gruffalo's Child</i> and write our own versions. Near the end of the half-term, we will study the poem 'From a Railway Carriage' by Robert Louis Stevenson.
MATHS	At the start of the half term, we will be learning about fractions. We will be recapping halves and quarters as well as learning about unit and non unit fractions. Towards the end of the half term, we will be looking at time. We will be learning to tell the time in five minute intervals.
SCIENCE	In Science, we will be learning about animals (including humans) and look more in depth at life cycles. The children will investigate what living things need to survive and be healthy. They will also describe the basic needs of living creatures.
COMPUTING	In our Digital Photography unit, children will learn to recognise that different devices can be used to capture photographs and will gain experience capturing, editing, and improving photos. Finally, they will use this knowledge to recognise that images they see may not be real.
ART	Andy Goldsworthy will be our inspiration this term for Art. We will be investigating how he uses natural materials (rocks, leaves, sticks etc.) to create sculptures. Our final piece will be a clay sculpture.
HISTORY	In History this term, we are going to be looking at flight. We will be finding out about the first aircraft and using our skills as historians to discover how the Wright Brothers changed history.
MUSIC	In music this term, we will be exploring songs that celebrate friendship. We will focus on keeping time, improvising, and honing our singing skills.
PE	The children will be doing fitness circuits in our indoor PE sessions. In our outdoor PE lessons, the children will be doing athletics.
RE	We will be learning about and discussing some important stories from the Old Testament. The children will describe a range of possible meanings from the stories and if they may mean different things to different people.
PSHE	For PSHE, we will be looking at the unit <i>Who likes Chocolate?</i> The children will discuss and learn about different foods, customs, traditions and FairTrade.

WATER BOTTLES: Please send children to school with a clear plastic bottle of water, labelled with their name. This will come home every day to be returned the following morning. Please note that juice is not permitted.

HOMEWORK: We will continue to send the children home with their spellings every Monday to be tested in school the following Monday. Maths and English homework will be posted on Google Classroom (as well as a paper copy sent home) every Friday and will need to be completed by the following Wednesday.

PE: Our PE days are Wednesday and Friday. A lot of our Wednesday PE sessions are outdoor learning with Mr Rutherford (see separate timetable). Please ensure that your child comes into school with wellington boots and a spare change of clothes. They will not be able to participate in the sessions without the appropriate clothing.

READING: Please ensure you read each day with your child and record this in their reading diary. Reading books will be changed twice a week, so please make sure books and reading records are always in school as this may not always be on the same day each week.

Diary Dates:

Wednesday 8th May: Art in the Park trip Volta AM / Rutherford PM

Thank you for your continued support.

The Year 2 Team