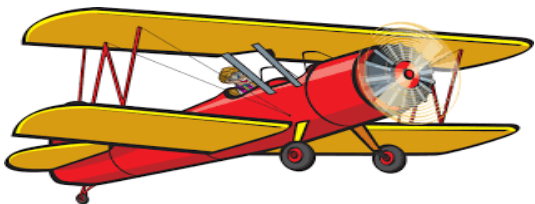


# Welcome to Year 2



Welcome back from the Year Two team – Miss Paul, Miss Goodsell, Mrs Masterman, Mrs Munro and Mrs Hankins.

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school and we have lots to look forward to this term. Our topic for the autumn term is called 'Come fly with me.'

## Key dates

- Harvest festival—18th October
- Individual photos—14th October
- Trip to Call of the Wild—17th October
- Parents evening — 4:30 -7:30 23rd October & 3:30-6:30 24th October
- Christmas Post Box—28th November
- Infant Christmas Production for Y2 parents — 3rd December
- Christmas lunch—12th December
- End of term—20th December

## English

### Phonics and Reading

The children will continue to have 5 phonics sessions a week. They will be building on the sounds learnt in Year One. The children will have 3 practice reading sessions a week. They will be reading fully decodable books which have been carefully matched to their knowledge of phonics and will be sent home on a Wednesday. One of the most important ways to help support your child is hearing them read regularly, reading to them and reading with them. The books they bring home on a Monday will have been chosen by them to share and enjoy with you. **They are not intended for your child to read to you independently.** Please refer to your child's Sharing Record for more detail.

### Writing

Many of our English lessons will link to our topic about flight. The focus in writing will be to consistently apply punctuation including capital letters, full stops, questions marks and exclamation marks. We will also begin to use 'because' to expand sentences. We will apply this through writing character descriptions, diaries, letters and rewriting part of a story.

## Maths

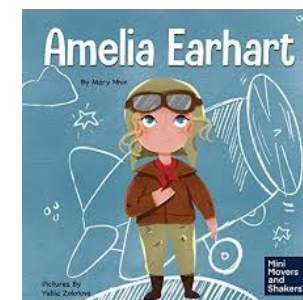
In Year 2, our aim is for the children to become fluent in using the four calculations. This term we will start to develop the children's confidence in ordering and comparing numbers up to 100. As we progress through the term the children will be using addition and subtraction to solve a variety of problems.

During Year 2 we will be learning our 2, 5 and 10 times tables, through games, activities and lots of practise! We will continue to practise and become fluent counting forwards and backwards to 100 from any given number and being finger click quick when knowing our halves, doubles and bonds up 20. Regular practise at home will be invaluable.



## History

This term the children will be learning about the history of flight including both the Montgolfier and Wright brothers. They will be asking and answering questions about the first successful flights, and about how the aeroplane was developed. We will be talking about Amelia Earhart and learning about her adventures and achievements. The children will also be learning to create timelines and order important events in the history of flight.



## Music

In groups and whole class activities, the children will explore the basic components of music including pitch, duration and tempo. They will use tuned and untuned instruments to create a piece of music to represent a plane taking off.



## P.E.

In P.E. the children will be focusing on skills including hitting, kicking, catching and tactical awareness to start encouraging competitiveness.



In indoor P.E. lessons the children will be enjoying gymnastics. They will learn different jumps, rolls and how to travel in different ways and then build these movements into a sequence.

## Art

In art the children will be making a sculpture of a hot air balloon out of papier mache. They will be using their colour mixing skills from Year 1 to add detail when painting them.



In the second half term they will draw simple objects and use marks and lines to produce textures. Cross-hatching, feathering and scumbling will be new techniques the children learn to add texture to a drawing.



## Science

In the first half term the children will learn about animals, including humans, having offspring and the different stages of growth. They will study the life cycle of a butterfly and frog.

In the second half term the children will explore the properties of materials. They will investigate how they can change the shape of different objects.

## Computing

The children will be given the opportunity to improve their touch typing skills by using Google docs. They will use the program Paintz to create a picture of their own flying machine.



## R.E.

This term the children will be looking at Christianity and Judaism. We will look at different symbols from both faiths and what these represent. We will also explore why light is an important symbol in both faiths.

## Useful Information

- We are planning a trip to Call of the Wild in the autumn term. The overall cost for trips, swimming lessons and other exciting learning opportunities in school is approximately £60. This is only a rough guideline but we hope this information helps your planning.
- **PE days are Monday and Tuesday.** Please send your child into school wearing their PE kit on these days. Please ensure ALL uniform is labelled with your child's names and is in line with the school uniform policy, which is available on the website.
- Please remember if you have any queries or questions, feel free to contact us using the email addresses below and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

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