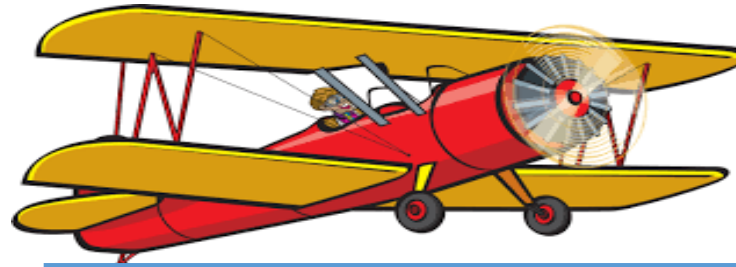


Welcome To Year 2



We have a fun filled year ahead of us and would like to take this opportunity to share key information with you.

Meet the Year 2 team:
Mrs Browne, Mrs McCarthy,
Mrs Munro and Mrs Hankins

PE days are Monday and Wednesday.

Please send your child into school wearing their PE kit on these days.

PLEASE ENSURE ALL UNIFORM IS LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME AND IS IN LINE WITH THE SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY, WHICH IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE.

Based on last year's cost a rough guide to help you plan ahead would be £50. A polite reminder that any changes to dismissal arrangement should be given to the class teacher **in writing**. Phone calls to the office should only be in an emergency. 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.

Mrs McCarthy—mrs.mccarthy@greattotham.essex.sch.uk

Mrs Browne—mrs.browne@greattotham.essex.sch.uk

Reading

One of the most important ways to help support your child is hearing them read regularly, reading to them and reading with them. 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.

The books they bring home on a Friday 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.

Key dates

Harvest festival—13th October

Individual photos—to be confirmed

Parents evening—4:30-7:30 18th October

£ 3:30-6:30 19th October

Christmas Post Box—30th November

Infant Christmas Production for Y2 parents — 5th December

Christmas lunch—14th December

End of term—20th December



Come fly with me

English

In our first term the children will be sharing a variety of books linked to our topic about flight. We will continue to develop reading for pleasure by listening to, discussing and expressing views about these stories and non-fiction texts.

The focus in writing will be to consistently apply punctuation including capital letters, full stops, question 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.

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 un-tuned instruments to create a piece of music to represent a plane taking off.

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 how 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.

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! Your support at home will be invaluable.

Science

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

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

Computing

During the term the children will be given the opportunity to improve their touch typing skills. They will be using the programs Paint and Dance Mat.

R.E.

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

Design & Technology

In the first half term, children will be designing their own 'aeroplane'. They will then add wheels and axles to their product, choosing the materials they believe to be the most suitable.

Art

As part of our topic the children will be weaving with different materials. They will create a country landscape and think about adding texture, colour and pattern within the weave.

P.E.

In P.E, the children will be focusing on games' skills including: hitting, kicking, catching and tactical awareness to start encouraging competitiveness. In our indoor P.E. lessons we will be doing gymnastics. We will learn different jumps, rolls and how to travel in different ways and then build these movements into a sequence.