



Year 2 Spring Term 1

Happy New Year! We hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas and enjoyed celebrating with friends and family. We are excited to welcome all the children back and look forward some fantastic learning. We have lots of exciting trips and events planned, as we start our new topic; 'Airborne Adventures'. As we move into 2022, we hope to, as a school, be able to invite parents back into school for children to share their learning, and we will be hosting an end of topic parents' session towards the end the half term where you will be able to see what we have been learning about.

Important Dates:

Tuesday 4th January – Airborne Adventures launch day!

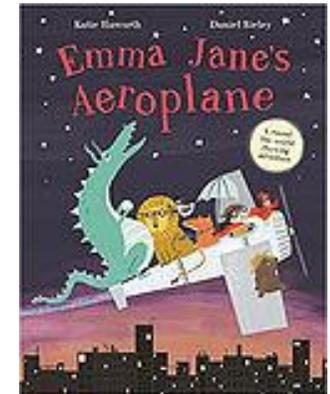
Tuesday 25th January - Zoom with a pilot

Monday 7th February - Chester Zoo Trip

Wednesday 10th February – Parent Workshop – 2.15pm

English

Initially in English this half term will be focusing on fiction! We will be using a picture book called 'Emma Jane's Aeroplane' which is a wonderful story about a 7-year-old girl who goes on a worldwide adventure, visiting amazing cities and landmarks, building on our Autumn learning by using high-level vocabulary, adjectives and adverbs to write descriptive and engaging fictional writing. As we will be learning about Emilia Earhart in History, we will we writing cross-curricular writing pieces all about her and her incredible life. We will be building on our previous learning by writing information texts that include a range of conjunctions, sentence types and learning about writing in the past and present tense. Towards the end of the half term, we will be writing letters to various people, linked to our new school vision of 'We nurture children's dreams'.



Phonics

In Phonics we are consolidating our Phase 5 learning the following graphemes -
- ay (day) ou (out) ie (tie) ea (east) oy (boy) ir (girl) ue (blue) aw (saw) wh (when) ph (photo) ew (new) oe (toe) au (Paul) Split digraphs a-e (make) e-e(these) i-e (like) o-e (home) u-e (rule)

Reading

For Christmas Year 2 received a poetry book from Mrs Clayton called 'Poems to Perfrom' which we will be using daily to share poetry and practise reading aloud using expression and intonation. As well as daily guided reading, we will reading Jeremy Strong's novel; The Hundred-Mile-an-Hour Dog, a really funny story that Year 2 will love! Children will also be using the school library on a weekly basis to find texts that they love to read and share! Decodable books will also be changed throughout the week so please ensure children bring them in once complete.

Maths

In Maths, we will be learning about position and direction linked to our topic of air travel. We will be learning about the mathematical vocabulary linked to direction and using this to direct our friends around assault courses and using it to navigate maps. We will then move onto time, learning about the hands of a clock and telling time to o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter too. Finally, we will be learning about litres and millilitres, measuring the day to day rainfall and using scales to then apply our learning in Science to test the absorbance of different materials.

Science

In Science we will be starting a new topic; 'Everyday Materials'. We will be testing the purpose and suitability of different materials. As part of our 'Airborne Adventure's' topic we will be investigating which materials would be the most waterproof as Emelia Earhart and Amy travelled around the world. We will then be investigating which material is most suitable to protect food during a turbulent flight.

RE

In RE we will be learning about Hinduism and how Hindu's express their devotion. We will be identifying what makes the people in our lives special and how we can show our love and devotion to them. We will be learning about 'arti lamps' and creating our own.

PSHE

We will starting a new PSHE topic called 'Rights and Responsibilities'. We will be establishing what rules are and how they are important to our everyday life.

Music

This half term we will be starting to learn the ocarina! We will be learning the notes A, B, C, D and learning and performing 'Come Flying With Me!'

Topic

As part of our topic 'Airborne Adventurers' we will be learning about two legendary female fliers; Emilia Earhart and Amy Johnson, who completed incredible round the world journeys. We will be learning about their lives and their adventures, as well as looking at how air travel has changed over time. We will be learning key vocabulary including; inventor, explorer and source. In Geography, we will be learning about the continents and seas of the world using atlases and world maps, learning about what information maps give and plotting the journeys that Emilia Earhart and Amy Johnson took.



DT

In DT we will be designing, making and evaluating a waterproof head cover that Emilia Earhart could use when flying an open air cockpit. We will be learning to use a running stitch to sew the head cover and then using wax to waterproof the item ready for use.

Computing

In computing we will be creating animations. To build on our basic iPad skills, we will be using an app called STOP MOTION STUDIO to create stop motion animations of Emilia Earhart's transatlantic journey.

PE

In PE we will be learning Judo! With the expert tuition of Antony, a local Judo instructor, we will be learning skills in co-ordination balance, fitness as well as basic Judo techniques.