



Dragonflies Newsletter Autumn Term 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the Dragonflies Class and Year 2! I hope you have all had a wonderful and restful summer. I am excited to welcome the children back and embrace a new year of learning; we have lots of exciting things planned to engage and enhance the curriculum. This newsletter will prove a brief overview of Autumn term, but if you would like to find out more about your child's learning in Year 2, I warmly invite you to join our **Meet the Teacher session at 9am on Tuesday 8th September.**

PE lessons this term will be on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons (please come into school wearing PE kit). Swimming doesn't take place until after February half term so please don't worry about it yet, you will be given more information regarding this nearer the time. However, it is a good idea that the children practice getting dry and dressed by themselves after washing at home so they are used to it come March.

This term our topic will be "**Flying High!**" looking at the history of transport and the adventuring to new places. We will find out why the Wright Brothers and Amelia Earhart, among others, are historically significant in the history of aviation; discover the oceans and seas of the world; read and write exciting adventure stories as well as making new discoveries across all our learning!

The children will be expected to **read daily at home** and this really is one of the most important and impactful ways you can help with their learning! If you ask your child questions while reading together "how do you know where they are going?" "who is the main character's brother?" "what happened first?" "what do you think will happen next?" "how do you know John feels sad?" it really helps with their comprehension and understanding of what they're reading. Understanding and taking meaning from a text is the key reading skill we focus on in Year 2 rather than simply decoding words now that the children are becoming fluent readers. Those children that read at least 4 times a week at home and have this signed by a home adult in their reading record will have extra play time on a Friday.

Spellings will be given out on a Friday for the children to take home and practice at home over the week, with a spelling test the following Friday morning in class. They will have time to practice their spellings in class, but please ensure they spend some time learning them at home as well.

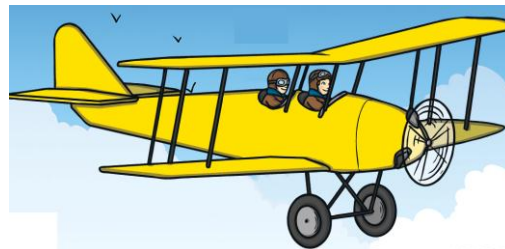
In **Maths** the children are expected to be fluent in their number bonds to 10 and 20 from their learning in Year 1, and will need a confident understanding of this to progress successfully with the Year 2 Autumn maths curriculum, which will see us using the column method for 2-digit addition and subtraction by Christmas. The best way to help them at home is to practice these number bonds (pairs of numbers that make 10, e.g. 6 + 4, 2 + 8; pairs of numbers that make 20, e.g. 13 + 7, 9 + 11) so that they have automatic recall of these number facts. Children also all have access to a NumBots and Times Table Rockstars account each, which they are welcome to log in to at home for extra practice. Their login details will be stuck into the front cover of their reading record.

I look forward to working alongside all the families in Dragonflies Class this year, and together helping the children to achieve an engaging and successful first term in Year 2! If you have any questions, queries please or worries don't hesitate to ask via email, phone or catch me on the playground after school.

Kind regards,
Miss Douglas

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	Autumn 1	Autumn 2
Reading	The Extraordinary Life of Amelia Earhart - Dr Sheila Kanani VIPERS reading skills – vocabulary, inference, prediction, explain, retrieve, sequence Transport Materials Instructions	The Boy Who Biked the World – Alastair Humphreys The Gunpowder Plot Remembrance Day Adventure Stories Pirates Poetry Christmas
Writing	Sentence structure skills Instructions	Adventure Narrative Poetry
Maths	Place Value 2-Digit Addition & Subtraction, including column method	2-Digit Addition & Subtraction, including column method Shapes
Science	Materials – Why do everyday materials have different uses?	
RE	Christianity What do stories of the Old Testament teach Christians about God and themselves?	Christianity What does the nativity story teach Christians about Jesus?
Computing	Creating Media – Microsoft Word	Computer Systems – Technology All Around Us
PSHE	Me and My Relationships	Valuing Difference
DT		Mechanisms Wheels and Axels – Cars
Art	Painting Techniques - Vincent Van Gough	
History	Transport Over Time – The History of Flight	
Geography		The Five Oceans
PE	Team Building Striking and Fielding	Sending and Receiving Invasion Games
Music	Exploring Patterns	Ocean Music