



Dragonflies Newsletter Autumn Term

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Dragonflies Class and Year 2! I hope you have all had a wonderful and restful summer. We are 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.

Mrs Auty will lead the class on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesday mornings; followed by Miss Douglas on Wednesdays after break, and Thursdays and Fridays. PE lessons this term will be on a Wednesday and Friday afternoon (please come into school wearing PE kit).

This term our topic will be Famous For More than 5 Minutes, looking at some incredible adventurers and explorers including Christopher Columbus, Neil Armstrong, Edmund Hilary and Tenzing Norgay. We will also explore the amazing artists Vincent van Gough and Romare Bearden.

The children will be expected to read daily at home, and have all been provided with a new reading folder and reading record to track this. They currently have two books to take home with them to practice their reading skills, which will be changed regularly once they have shown both fluency and comprehension for the text.

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.

Homework grids will also be sent home in a homework book, which include a variety of tasks based on learning covered this half term. Children can either choose one task every couple of weeks, or spend longer completing a bigger task. Homework is not compulsory but there will be rewards for those children who do engage in them. The children will be given a homework book to complete the tasks, in which they bring in and share with the class. We will share, celebrate and give feedback to children on Monday 21st October and Wednesday 23rd October. Please bring in your homework on these dates.

We look forward to working alongside all the families in Dragonflies Class this year, helping the children to achieve an engaging and successful first term in Year 2!

The following page shows the different learning that will take place over the Autumn Term. All of the Knowledge Organisers for the topics will be sent home to you. This will give you a comprehensive outline of what is covered throughout each unit and enable you to support learning from home.

If you have any questions or queries please don't hesitate to ask.

Kind regards,

Mrs Auty & Miss Douglas

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	Autumn 1	Autumn 2
Reading	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory – Roald Dahl	Man on the Moon – Simon Bartram
English - writing	Recount Own Experience: Exploration Visual Poem Man on the Moon	Instructions How to Climb Mount Everest Adventure Narrative The Unbeaten Path
Maths	Place Value Addition & Subtraction	Addition & Subtraction Shapes
Science	Materials	Materials Living Things and their Habitats
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 – Making Music	Computer Systems – Technology All Around Us
PSHE	Me and My Relationships	Valuing Difference
DT		Mechanisms Wheels and Axels – Space Buggies
Art	Vincent Van Gough Romare Bearden	
History	Significant People Across History Explorers: Christopher Columbus, Edmund Hillary/ Tenzing Norgay and Neil Armstrong.	
Geography		Comparing the UK with Nepal and Mount Everest
PE	Team Building Striking and Fielding	Sending and Receiving Invasion Games
Music	Exploring Patterns How Does Music Help us Make Friends?	Dynamics and Tempo How Does Music Teach us About the Past?