



Dragonflies Newsletter Autumn Term

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.

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 look at 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 recounts of journeys and exciting adventure stories as well as making new discoveries across all our learning!

The children will be expected to read daily at home, and will be provided with a new reading folder and reading record to track this. They will 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. Those children that read at least 4 times a week at home and have this signed by a home adult 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. There may be occasional maths practice homework sent home to reinforce key concepts covered in class, but this will not be a weekly occurrence. 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.

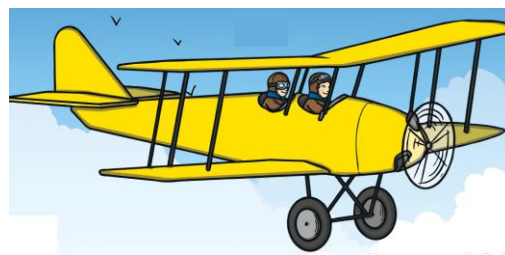
Topic Homework Grids will be sent home in a homework book, which include a variety of tasks based on learning covered this term. Homework is not compulsory but there will be rewards for those children who do engage in them. Children can either choose one task every couple of weeks, or spend longer completing a bigger task. We will share, celebrate and give feedback to children (provisionally) during the weeks of 20th October and 8th December when the children are welcome to bring in and share with the class what they have been working on.

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 or queries please don't hesitate to ask.

Kind regards,
Miss Douglas

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	Autumn 1	Autumn 2
Reading	The Extraordinary Life of Amelia Earhart - Dr Sheila Kanani	The Boy Who Biked the World – Alastair Humphreys
English - writing	Recount A Transport Journey Poetry Transport Shape Poem	Instructions How to Paint Like Van Gogh Adventure Narrative Journey Across the Ocean
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 – Making Music	Computer Systems – Technology All Around Us
PSHE	Me and My Relationships	Valuing Difference
DT		Mechanisms Wheels and Axels – Explorer Buggies
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	Dynamics and Tempo