

# ADVENTURE is out there



Year 2 – Autumn 2 – Adventure is out there!



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are so excited to welcome the children back after half term and we look forward to starting our new topic '**Adventure is out there!**' based around a range of texts about flight. We have a very exciting half term ahead of us and want to continue building on the excellent progress the children made last half term.

## Religion

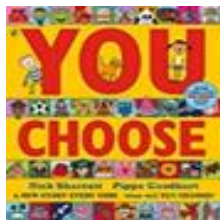
This half term we will be continuing our Religious learning through the new scheme, Lighting the Path. Our unit is called 'Prophecy and Promise' and focuses on the symbol of light, the prophet Isaiah and the birth of Jesus, through the Gospel of Luke.



As we approach the festive season, we will participate in a range of special celebrations and Masses in preparation for the Coming of Christ. We will also mark other important days in our liturgical calendar such as All Saints and All Souls, as well as Remembrance. Advent bags will also be in circulation. Please do send us your photographs via the school office email if your child is chosen to bring it home to share with family members. Engagement in prayer at home is an important part of our school community's journey of faith together.

## English

We have carefully selected different texts to teach through; these are all linked to our theme of aviation and exploration.



We will be using expanded noun phrases to name and list various transportation. The children will write diary accounts from the wolf's point of view using the story, 'Pigs Might Fly' as a stimulus. We will also write recounts of Amelia Earhart's life using past tense verbs.

In Year 2, we will be focusing on spelling the common exception words, the use of descriptive vocabulary, simple punctuation marks and handwriting. The children will address these targets through multiple genres of writing.

Reading will continue to be a crucial part of our learning. We **Strive for 5!** reads per week at home. We are encouraging the children to read as much as possible and to discuss the text, to further develop their comprehension skills.

It is essential that the children are able to recognise and spell **common exception words**, as well as using their phonics knowledge to improve both their reading and writing.

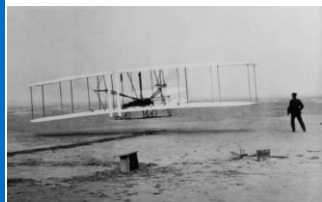
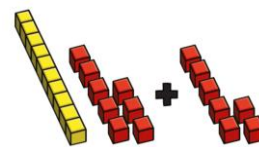
***Please continue to support your children in achieving their reading awards by reading at home each day.***

## Maths

In Maths we will be focusing on the value of numbers to 100 using concrete apparatus and pictorial representations. Year 2 will also learn strategies for addition and subtraction using concrete objects to support them. The children will be exploring 2d and 3d shapes and thinking about lines of symmetry.

Mental maths will include number bonds to 10 and 20 as well as counting in 2s, 3's, 5s and 10s. Addition and subtraction facts to 10 and 20 will be crucial for us to practise. The children will be working hard to develop their problem-solving skills too. Each week they will be challenged to use their reasoning skills and justify solutions to problems through detailed explanation.

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**History-** This half term, we will be comparing flight transport now and in the past. Also, the children will learn to sequence flight transport into chronological order on a timeline and find out about the first aeroplane flights. They will also learn about the lives of the Wright brothers and Amelia Earhart.

**Art** – We will be exploring the work of Jackson Pollock and using poster paint and marbling ink to create texture, pattern and collage. We will be creating planets over a Jackson Pollock inspired background.

**DT:** We will be designing and making paper aeroplanes, which we will then fly outside.

**Computing:** This half term in Computing, the children will be learning about digital photography. They explore how to take photographs and edit them, using a range of technology. They will learn how not all images are real.

**Science:** In Science we will be learning about 'Living Things and their Habitats'. The children will be able to identify things that are living, things that are dead and things that have never been alive. They will learn how living things need to survive in a suitable habitat. The children will explore micro-habitats and food chains.

## PE.:

Class 5 (Mrs Morgan): Monday and Wednesday

Class 6 (Mrs Bellett): Tuesday and Wednesday



Please ensure your child wears their full PE kit to school on their PE days. PE will often be taught outside, so please ensure that your child dresses appropriately for the weather.

## Homework

**Reading** – please continue to read as often as possible with your child and ensure that reading records and reading books are in school every day. Please be aware that books will only be changed if reading records have been signed by an adult. Good luck everybody, let's get reading!

**Spelling-** please continue to encourage your child to practice their weekly spellings.

**Maths** – Children will have access to the Numbots App.

We hope that your children enjoy exploring our topic.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Morgan and Mrs Bellett