



Year Two Newsletter: Autumn 1 2024

Wheels and Wings - Space, Air, Land and Sea!

Welcome to Year Two! We have been so impressed with the children's transition to the Aire building and how ready to learn the children have been. We have had a very settled start to the term and our four Year Two Crew groups are proving to be very successful. Using the Glennie class door has been working well on a morning for dropping off, but please be aware once the door is closed at 9am, you will need to take your child to the office to sign them in.

Our topic this term is based all around the history of transport. We will be exploring many different types of transport and hopefully having some visits and visitors to enhance our learning further. All aboard for a great term ahead!

We thank you in anticipation for your support and we look forward to a term of exciting learning and great progress. If you do have any questions, please speak to us in person at the start of school or at collection. Alternatively, you can contact the office and we will arrange a time to telephone you.

With our best regards,
The Year Two team

Ellington teachers: Miss Garnett
Glennie teachers: Mrs Harrison
Middle Phase HLTA: Miss Brett
Middle Phase Learning Support Assistants: Mrs Smith, Mrs Moreau, Miss Cook, Mrs Cullum, Miss Baldwin and Miss Rogers

Our Learning Theme		Important Dates:	
Wheels and Wings Space, Air, Land and Sea!		Wednesday 18th September: Individual photographs Tuesday 1st October : World Day of Languages Friday 25th October : School closes for half term	
English	Maths	PE Days	
We will be studying the fictional story <i>Tom and the Island of Dinosaurs</i> and describing the setting of which Tom travels to in a hot air balloon. We will also be enjoying the traditional story of <i>Mrs Armitage on Wheels</i> and designing a new mode of transport. In phonics we will be revisiting our phase 5 sounds from Year One.	We will be revising our place value skills, recognising the value of each digit within a number. We will be counting in steps of 2, 3 and 5 from 0 and in tens from any number, forwards and backwards. We will compare and order numbers, read and write numbers up to 100 and apply our problem solving skills.	Monday – Outdoor PE: Hit, Catch, Run Monday – Indoor PE: Gymnastics Please ensure children are appropriately dressed in school PE uniform and sensible trainers on the above days.	
Computing	Other curriculum subjects		Homework
We will be learning all about e-safety and ensuring we all know how to use technology correctly and carefully.	In science we will be finding out what animals including humans need to survive. In geography and history we will be further developing our skills whilst learning about the history of transport.		You will receive a homework book on Friday 13th September that has maths and English tasks for the half term. Please record any work you have been doing at home: we will regularly check your child's book to see how they have been getting on. Please return your child's book by Monday 21st October so we can mark their work and provide feedback.
Oracy	In art and DT, we will be practising our colour mixing skills before designing and making our own moving vehicles. In PSHE and as part of our Crew sessions, we will be thinking about our relationships and working together to get to know each other. We will consider how we can keep ourselves safe and how we will grow and change through Year Two. In music, we'll be finding the rhythm & pulse in different genres of music. We will also be listening to and appraising different pieces of music. In RE, we will be exploring how new life is welcomed in both Christian and Muslim families.		
We have been using oracy in our lessons through discussions, talk partners, games and songs. This term we will be working on trios (groups of three children with two speakers and one listener). Our question of the term is: How has transport changed over time? Sentence stems I think ... I believe ... I agree ... I disagree ... because ...			



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Reading

Children will have regular Reading Practice sessions at school where they will read together in small groups. There will also be opportunities for independent reading.

Please ensure you read with your child at home as often as possible, ideally daily, and write a short note in your child's reading record when having done so.

The book changing days are the same for both classes and align to Crews:

Tuesday: **Innovators**

Wednesday: **Pioneers**

Thursday: **Motivators**

Friday: **Explorers**

Books are only changed on these days so please ensure your child reads their book twice and if completed, please feel free to read a book at home of your child's choice.

Please could you ensure your child's book is in their school book bag each day so we can hear them read regularly.