



Year Two Newsletter: Autumn 2 2023

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

Welcome back to another exciting half term in Year Two and many thanks for ensuring a seamless start to the year. We have been so impressed with the children's transition to the Aire building and their eagerness to learn. Crew is operating really well in Year Two and the children have taken really well to our new routines.

May we take this opportunity to thank you as parents and carers for your very generous baking and monetary contributions to the Air Ambulance charity. We had a very successful morning and raised over £100 for the charity.

This half term we will continue with our theme of transport, this time with a greater focus on flight and space. We have lots of exciting opportunities to come: all aboard for a great term ahead!

We look forward to meeting you all at Parent Consultation in the coming weeks.

With our best regards,
The Year Two team

Ellington teachers: Miss Garnett and Miss Woolley

Glennie teachers: Mrs Shillaker and Mrs Liddle

Middle Phase HLTA: Miss Brett

Middle Phase Learning Support Assistants: Mrs Smith, Mrs Moreau, Miss Crowther and Miss Rogers

Our Learning Theme		Important Dates:	
Wheels and Wings Space, Air, Land and Sea!		Parent consultation: Tuesday 14th November and Wednesday 15th November Christmas concerts w/c 4th December - further information to follow. Christmas lunch - 15th December School closes for Christmas - 15th December	
English	Maths	PE Days	
<p>We will be sharing our class novel for the half term, <i>The Twits</i>, and creating a character profile of Mr Twit. We will be learning all about the famous explorer Amelia Earhart and writing biographies of her life. We will write narrative stories based on a Christmas theme and create acrostic poems.</p> <p>In phonics we will be starting our 'Bridge to spelling' unit where we will be learning the rules of spelling and why we use them.</p> <p>We are very keen to promote a lifelong love of reading and therefore have a dedicated library time every Tuesday. Please can we ask that your child returns their book every Tuesday so they can choose a new book. Books cannot be changed if they are not returned.</p>	<p>We will be continuing our learning on addition and subtraction, thinking about how addition of 2 numbers can be done in any order (commutative) and looking at the inverse relationship between addition and subtraction.</p> <p>We will then move on to learning about shape where we will name and describe the properties of 2D and 3D shapes and compare and sort them.</p>	<p>Monday – Outdoor PE: Hit, Catch, Run with Mrs Shillaker and Miss Brett</p> <p>Wednesday – Indoor PE: Gymnastics - Miss Garnett and Mrs Shillaker</p> <p>Please ensure children are appropriately dressed in school PE uniform and sensible trainers on the above days.</p>	



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Computing	Other curriculum subjects	Homework
<p>We will be continuing to explore e-safety and ensuring we all know how to use technology correctly and carefully. We will be practising logging onto the chromebooks, using our personalised log in details and considering why passwords need to be private. We will consider how people use technology in different environments and appreciate how the content of information may belong to other people.</p>	<p>In science we will be discussing the importance of exercise, a healthy diet and hygiene.</p> <p>We will also identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses.</p> <p>In geography we will be developing our knowledge of our local community, the United Kingdom and the wider world; whilst working on our map skills.</p> <p>In DT, we will continue to design and make our own wheeled vehicles. We will develop our sewing skills to make a festive decoration.</p> <p>In PSHE and as part of our Crew sessions, we will be valuing our differences and revisiting our British values.</p> <p>In music, we'll be listening, appraising and performing a festive song, with rapping.</p> <p>In RE, we will be continuing to explore how new life is welcomed in both Christian and Muslim families.</p>	<p>Please can homework books be returned to school by Wednesday 8th November. You will then receive a homework book on Friday 10th November 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.</p> <p>Please return your child's book during the last week of the half term so we can mark their work and provide feedback.</p>
Reading		
<p>Children will have regular Guided Reading sessions at school where they read either independently or with an adult and complete quizzes/answer questions to check their comprehension.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The book changing days are the same for both classes and align to Crews:</p> <p>Monday/Tuesday: Innovators Wednesday: Pioneers Thursday: Motivators Friday: Explorers</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Please could you ensure your child's book is in their school book bag each day so we can hear them read regularly.</p>		