



Year Two Newsletter: Autumn 1 2023

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 we will be enhancing our learning by taking a trip to the Bradford Industrial Museum (please see the separate letter sent home last week) and a visit from the Yorkshire Air Ambulance. 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 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:	
<p>Wheels and Wings</p> <p>Space, Air, Land and Sea!</p>		<p>Tuesday 26th September: World Day of Languages</p> <p>Tuesday 3rd October: Year Two trip to the Bradford Industrial Museum</p> <p>Wednesday 18th October: the volunteers from the Yorkshire Air Ambulance will be visiting us and bringing their simulator to school for us to experience. In return, we will be raising money for the charity and therefore would like to host a charity bun sale for Years Three and Four. Please could you send your child to school on the day with five buns/cakes to sell. We are a nut free school so please avoid any nut based products. The buns will be priced at 50p each. Year Two children do not need to bring money.</p>	
English	Maths	PE Days	
<p>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.</p> <p>In phonics we will be revisiting our phase 5 sounds from Year One.</p>	<p>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.</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>	
Computing	Other curriculum subjects	Homework	
<p>We will be learning all about e-safety and ensuring we all know how to use technology correctly and carefully.</p>	<p>In science we will be finding out what animals including humans need to survive.</p> <p>In geography and history we will be further developing our skills whilst learning about the history of transport.</p> <p>In art and DT, we will be practising our colour mixing skills before designing and making our own moving vehicles.</p>	<p>You will receive a homework book on Friday 15th 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.</p>	



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	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>In RE, we will be exploring how new life is welcomed in both Christian and Muslim families.</p> <p>In science we will be looking at animals and humans and what they need for survival.</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>
<u>Reading</u>		
<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>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>		