



Year Two Newsletter: Autumn 2 2021

Up In The Air!

We hope you all had a fantastic half term and are feeling refreshed, ready for the next stage in our learning journey. We will be launching into our new topic, Up In The Air here in Year Two beginning with a visit from the Yorkshire Air Ambulance!

It was great to speak to so many of you at our recent Parent Consultation meetings. If you do have any questions or concerns at any time, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us at the end of the school day or via email.

Our addresses are as follows:

Ellington: hannahshillaker@saltaireps.co.uk (Mon-Wed) and suewoolley@saltaireps.co.uk (Wed-Fri). Please address emails to us both to enable the best quality of care for your child. Up until Christmas, we also have a student teacher working in Ellington called Miss Nicholson.

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Our Learning Theme		Important Dates:	
Up In The Air!		Monday 8th November: Year 2 bun sale in aid of the Yorkshire Air Ambulance - separate letter to follow Tuesday 8th November: Yorkshire Air Ambulance visit Wednesday 1st December: Year 2 visit to St Peter's Church - Christingle workshop	
Homework	Reading	PE Days	
<p>You will receive a homework book on <i>Friday 5th November</i> 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>	<p>Children will have regular reading practice sessions at school and the chance to read with staff members and parent volunteers. In addition, please can we ask that you read with your child at home as often as possible, ideally daily.</p> <p>Your child has a set day to change their reading book but please could you ensure your child's book is in their school book bag every day so we can hear them read at any time.</p> <p>Our Library day is Monday: we can only issue a new library book each week if your child returns their current book.</p>	<p>Monday – Outdoor PE Running and Jumping with Mrs Shillaker/Mrs Akhtar and the Bradford City FC coaches</p> <p>Wednesday – Indoor PE Gymnastics with Mrs Littlewood</p> <p>Please ensure children are appropriately dressed in school PE uniform.</p>	



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Curriculum		
English	Maths	Science
<p>We will be sharing the story <i>The Great Balloon Hullabaloo</i> and designing a new character who lives on Mars.</p> <p>Next, we shall be learning all about the famous aviator Amelia Earhart and writing a biography of her life.</p> <p>Finally, we shall be investigating the first moon landing and writing a recount of the events.</p>	<p>We will be consolidating our addition and subtraction skills by learning to calculate using formal methods.</p> <p>We will then move on to focus on money, in particular, recognising coins and notes, learning how to count money and find totals as well as giving change.</p> <p>Finally, we shall begin to learn more about multiplication by making arrays and making and adding equal groups.</p>	<p>In science we will be continuing to describe how animals obtain their food from plants and other animals, using the idea of a simple food chain, and identify and name different sources of food</p>
Humanities	Art/DT	Computing
<p>We will be exploring how our transportation methods have changed through history and learning all about the lives of significant individuals from the past who were inspirational in the world of flight and space travel.</p> <p>We will be locating places geographically on maps, identifying the Equator, the poles and the seven continents of the world. We will be mapping the journey of famous aviators.</p>	<p>We will be designing and making our own moon buggies: we would be most grateful if you could start saving cereal boxes and sending them into school for us to use. Please ensure all packaging comes from nut free products.</p> <p>We will be designing and making our own Christmas decoration by cutting, shaping and joining fabric and using basic sewing techniques.</p>	<p>We will be learning all about e-safety and ensuring we all know how to use our technology correctly and carefully.</p>
RE/Music with Mrs Morgan		PSHE
<p>In RE we will be trying to answer the question "Why do Christians believe God gave Jesus to the World?" and taking part in a Christingle workshop at St Peter's Church (more details to follow).</p> <p>We will be learning the song "Ho, ho, ho" in music. We will be listening to and appraising a range of other songs of different genres, including Frank Sinatra, Stevie Wonder and Elvis.</p>		<p>We will be exploring and valuing our differences as part of our collaborative lessons, as well as any class issues that occur.</p> <p>We will speak about what makes us who we are, how we make others feel special and think about different acts of kindness.</p>