



Year 1 Spring Term 1

Happy 2022! We hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas and enjoyed celebrating with friends and family and we are excited to welcome everyone back and look forward some fantastic learning. We have lots of exciting trips and events planned as we start our new topic - 'Airborne Adventures'. As we move into 2022, we hope to, as a school, be able to invite parents back into school so that we can share learning. We will be hosting an end of topic parents' session towards the end the half term, where you will be able to see what we have been learning about.

Important Dates:

Tuesday 4th January – 'Airborne Adventures' launch day!

Tuesday 25th January - Zoom meeting with a pilot

Monday 7th February - Chester Zoo Trip

Wednesday 10th February – Parent Workshop @ 2:15pm

Phonics

In Phonics we are moving on to phases 4 and 5. We will be learning phase 4 tricky words: 'said', 'have', 'like', 'so', 'do', 'some', 'come', 'were', 'there', 'little', 'one', 'when', 'out' and 'what'.

Phase 5 tricky words: 'oh', 'their', 'people', 'Mr', 'Mrs', 'looked', 'called', 'asked' and 'could'.

We will be learning the sounds: ay; ou; ie; ea; oy; ir; ue; aw; wh; ph; ew; oe; au;

We will also learn split digraphs:
a-e; e-e; i-e; o-e; u-e;

English

Initially, in English this half-term will be focusing on fiction! We will be using a picture book called 'Emma Jane's Aeroplane' which is a wonderful story about a 7-year-old girl who goes on a worldwide adventure, visiting amazing cities and landmarks, building on our Autumn learning by using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops to write engaging fictional writing. As we will be learning about Amelia Earhart in History, we will be writing cross-curricular pieces about her and her incredible life. We will be building on our previous learning by writing information texts that include the conjunction 'and' and question marks and exclamation marks. Towards the end of the half term, we will be writing letters to various people, linked to our new school vision - 'We nurture children's dreams'.



Reading

Following on from the visit of children's poet Matt Goodfellow to our school, we will be reading one of his books 'Caterpillar Cake' for pleasure and also using the poems to inspire our writing. As well as daily reading, we will also begin guided reading where the children work in small groups to share and discuss a text. We will also be using the school library on a weekly basis to find texts that they love to read and share! Decodable books will also be changed each week so please ensure children bring their books to school every day.

Maths

In maths we will be learning about shape and mass - all linked to our topic of air travel. We will then move onto time, learning about the hands of a clock and telling time to o'clock and half past. We will then be learning about full and half full through measuring the day to day rainfall and using a simple scale (linked to our geography learning about seasons). We will also be completing addition and subtraction with numbers to 20 and learning about place value beyond 20.

Science

In science, we will be starting a new topic; 'Everyday Materials'. We will be classifying and grouping materials according to their properties and ultimately finding the most suitable material to make an aeroplane for Amelia Earhart and Amy Johnson – an aeroplane that we will be constructing as part of our DT learning.

RE

In RE, we will be learning about Islam. We will be learning about the natural world and how we can look after it and how the Muslim community fulfil their duty to take care of the world and its living things.

PSHE

We will be starting a new PSHE topic called 'Rights and Responsibilities'. We will be learning about how important it is to behave responsibly and look after our own possessions and the possessions of others.

Music

This half term we will have our music lessons with Ms Jones be starting to learn the glockenspiel! We will be learning the notes A, B, C, D and learning and performing the musical piece, 'Come Fly with Me'.

Topic

As part of our topic 'Airborne Adventurers', we will be learning about two legendary female fliers - Amelia Earhart and Amy Johnson, who completed incredible round the world journeys. We will be learning about their lives and their adventures, as well as looking at how air travel has changed over time. We will be learning key vocabulary including; 'inventor', 'explorer' and 'source'. In geography, we will be learning about mapping and hot and cold areas of the world. We will also be learning about the different seasons and the weather each season of the year typically brings.



DT

In DT, we will be designing, making and evaluating model aeroplanes. We will be learning to use different techniques for strengthening and reinforcing structures to ensure our aeroplane is suitable for a transatlantic journey.

Computing

In computing, we will be debugging various algorithms to ensure Amelia Earhart makes a successful transatlantic flight. We will then write the code for a successful journey and input it into the Beebot devices.

PE

In PE we will be learning tennis! With the expert tuition of 'Teddy Tennis - a local tennis coaching programme, we will be learning skills in co-ordination balance and fitness as well as basic tennis techniques.