



Dear all

12th April 2021

Welcome to the summer term and let us hope it is a sunny one!

We have some great topics this term, plenty to get our teeth into. In history we are going to be learning all about the history of flight, looking at the timeline of events and focusing on the amazing work of The Wright Brothers. In geography we will be flying far away to India to complete a case study on a village, Chembakolli, giving the children a chance to compare their life here in Lancashire to a very different climate, culture and commerce.

In English we will be using texts, where possible, to complement our work across the curriculum. We will be reading Pattan's Pumpkin by Chitra Soundar, a story set in India in the same region as Chembakolli. We will read Taking Flight by Adam Hancher about the life of the Wright Brothers and the excellent book, Rose Revere, Engineer about a little girl who uses a growth mindset approach to realise her dream of being an engineer. From these texts we will be embedding reading comprehension and writing skills, producing letters, newspaper articles and non-fiction reports.

We will continue our quest, in maths, to be fluent in our number bonds and multiplication tables of 2, 5 and 10. We will begin with a dedicated session on number bonds to 20 so any support with the children learning and understanding this would be appreciated. The Top Marks website has an excellent game called hit the button which can help. We will be learning about fractions and then embedding multiplication and division before moving onto solving problems using what we know about number.

Science is all about growing plants - just the right season to look at this. This year we are going to grow some nasturtiums and try to grow some pumpkins. We will use this to discuss the features of plants, where plants might live and what they need to survive. We will be looking at which plants are able to grow at school so please have a look at which plants grow around where you live.

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In RE we will be learning about the Jewish festivals of Passover and Shavuot and comparing them to the Christian festivals of Easter and Pentecost. We will be trying to answer the question 'Why might some people choose to put their trust in God?'

In computing we will be taking digital photographs and aiming to improve the composition and light of the photographs as well as manipulating the photographs using software. We are going to use these skills in our art to create a range of portraits to display at the end of term exhibition. After half term, we will be putting our digital skills to use in trying some computer aided design.

PE will be with Mrs Pollitt on a Monday and the children will be learning skills for tennis and rounders. With Mrs Keen we will be working on basic orienteering skills by playing a range of different games to develop spatial awareness and map reading. After half term we will go into the Wild Woods and a planned outdoor skills lesson.

Spelling in Year 2 will continue as before; spelling will be tested on Monday based on the learning both in class and at home the previous week. Please try and support your children by reading through the spellings, ensuring that they know the meaning of the words and are able to spell them confidently.

Read, read, read and read some more. Please!

PE will be on Mondays and Wednesdays - please continue to come in PE kit - dark jogging bottoms or black shorts, house colour T shirt and school jumper or hoodie with school shoes. Children should have pumps or trainers to change into at school - please check with your child if they are still comfortable. A water bottle will also be vital moving into the summer months, please ensure your child brings a freshly filled bottle every day. In addition we will be moving into the warmer weather, we hope, and therefore be prepared for the application of a 12 hour sun cream - unfortunately we are unable to apply sun cream at school.

Here's to a sunny, happy, healthy term.

Mrs Keen and Miss van Meirlo