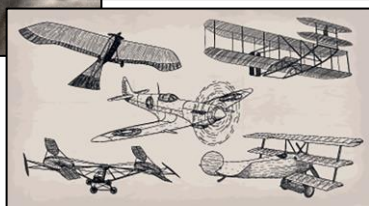


Fantastic Firsts: Taking Flight!

History

Our Topic this half term is about the history of flight.

We will be learning about the Wright brothers and their invention of the first successful aeroplane, and why this event was so significant in the evolution of flying technology.



We will also find out about other impactful flying inventions over time, as well as significant individuals who broke barriers in aviation, such as Amelia Earhart and her solo flight across the Atlantic. We will consider what clues the history of flight might give us about what the future holds, ahead of learning about space travel in the Summer term.

English

Our English work this term will be centred around adventure narratives and journey tales. Our main, four-week narrative unit will be based on the short film "Taking Flight", which we will use as inspiration to imitate, innovate and then invent short adventure narratives. We will also draw inspiration from Aaron Becker's picture book "Journey". After this, the children will apply their History learning by writing biographies of significant individuals in the history of aviation.



D.T.

We will continue our learning about moving mechanisms in DT by learning about axles and how to make wheels turn. We will follow a design brief to plan, design and build a windmill. Our DT project will involve using our knowledge of the properties of materials to select appropriate materials, test out ways of connecting parts and strengthen and stabilise structures.

Wider Curriculum

Our R.E. this term is about Hinduism, the concept of Dharma and how Hindu people treat special things such as shrines and sculptures of deities with reverence and respect. Our PSHE is about Keeping and Staying Healthy. In Computing we will learn to combine text and images. Our 'Kapow' Music lessons will be about rhythms, structure and texture in pieces of music, learnt through music related to 'space'. P.E. will be on Tuesdays and Wednesdays days this half term and lessons will be a mixture of indoor and outdoor. In the current weather, please make sure your child has tracksuit bottoms or leggings in their kit bag for colder days, as well as their black shorts for indoor P.E. Spare socks are a good idea, for children who wear tights with their uniform, as these are removed for P.E. Kit should be left in school for the duration of the half term, and earrings must be removed or covered on P.E. days.