



# Year 2 Newsletter

Hello to all children and parents in Year 2!

I hope you all had a wonderful break and the children are ready for another exciting term ahead in year 2.

Enjoy reading our newsletter and let me know if you have any questions.

From Miss Clark.

## Our topic this half term

This half term Year 2 will be studying flight during our topic lessons. We will learn about the Wright brothers and Bessie Coleman who are two significant individuals of history.

We find and mark on a map the UK, it's surrounding seas and four countries. As well as looking into the pros and cons of areoplanes and how areoplanes have changed over time.

If you have any books or resources at home that link to Flight, please feel free to bring them in to share with the class.



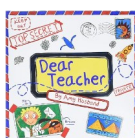
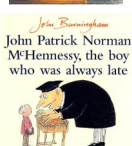
You could Try:

- Watch documentaries on flight online. Get a parent's permission first.
- Research the Wright brothers and Bessie Coleman using resources such as 'National Geographic Kids' and BBC bitesize.

## English

In English, we are studying familiar texts reading 'whatever next' by Jill Murphy. Moving on to looking at excuse letters, reading 'John Patrick Norman McHennessy' by John Burningham and 'Dear Teacher' by Amy Husband. (exploring features in letters and writing our own).

We will be learning about expanded noun phrases and applying them to our writing as well as present and past tense verbs, including progressive form this half term.



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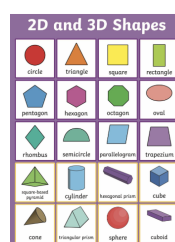
- Write a letter to a family member or friend.
- Use the 'Top Marks' website to complete SPAG games.

## Math's

In year 2 children will learn their 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables.

In Math's we will be focusing on addition and subtraction and 2D and 3D shapes.

At the end of each unit the children will complete a mini recap to check their understanding. Additionally, in the last week of November the children will sit an arithmetic and a reasoning and problem solving test paper.



You could Try:

- Practicing Times Tables Rockstar's and other Times Tables Games.
- Use twinkl go—ask Miss Clark for the pin.
- Playing 'daily 10', '2D shape reveal'; all are free games on the top marks website which helps you practice various Mental Maths

# Science

We are starting this term exploring this topic through various investigations and experiments. The children will investigate and measure the distance in flight taken between two different paper aeroplanes, predicting, testing and collecting evidence on a graph. The children will then take part in conducting an experiment with gummy bears to show osmosis.



You could Try:

- Researching the topic at home using BBC Bitesize
- Conduct your own research and post it on Dojo to share

## Homework and Spellings

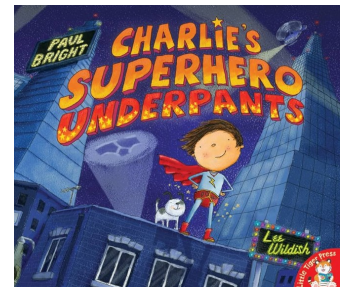
Homework will be set every Friday and be due in the next Thursday. It is really appreciated if homework is due in on time to give us the opportunity to mark it in time for Friday.

If anyone needs any extra help, come and see Miss Clark.

Spellings will be handed out on a Friday and the children will be tested the following Thursday. Feel free to practice any spellings in your homework book.

## Love to Read!

This half term we are reading two texts- 'Charlie's superhero underpants' by Paul Bright and an information text on transport from the past (The Wright brothers). We are focusing on a skill a week and it is really important that the children read as much as they can at home.



You could Try:

- Creating an alternative version of the story.
- Create a story board for the book..
- Write questions you would ask the character.

### PE KIT

This half term, children will take part in gymnastics and net and wall games. PE will be on a Tuesday.

Come to school in your PE kit. You will remain in your PE kit all day.

If you have a Kirkstall St Stephen's PE top please wear it with comfortable and warm tracksuit bottoms or leggings (preferably dark coloured)

### WATER BOTTLES

Please can each child bring their own water bottle to school to make sure we stay hydrated throughout the day.

## A final note...

The children have had a great first term and should be super proud of their achievements. This half term is full of great topics and fun activities and most importantly the nativity practice that takes place in the lead up to Christmas. So keep up this great effort everyone!

