

Important dates and Celebrations:

Friday	26 th February	Purim (Jewish)
Monday	1 st March	St. David's Day
Thursday	4 th March	World Book Day
Thursday	11 th March	Maha Shivaratri (Hindu)
Thursday	11 th March	Isra and Mi'raj (Muslim)
Sunday	14 th March	Mothering Sunday
Wednesday	17 th March	St Patrick's Day
Sunday	28 th March	Palm Sunday
Sunday	28 th March	First day of Passover (Jewish)
Sunday	28 th March	Daylight Saving Time starts
Monday	29 th March	Holi (Hindu)
Thursday	1 st April	Maundy Thursday – End of term
Friday	2 nd April	Good Friday
Sunday	4 th April	Easter Sunday



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CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

RISE UP



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely half term break and were able to relax and enjoy some family time.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge "thank you" for all your support over the past 6 weeks! I am so impressed with the hard work, dedication and resilience of the children and I am very proud of them.

Here is an overview of what your children will be learning this term as part of our Flying High topic. We have investigations and experiments planned as well as the children creating their own flying machines. I am sure they too will be as excited as I am for this upcoming term.

As always, please feel free to get in touch if you have any questions or queries.

Kindest,
Miss Sewell

RISE UP

Spring 2 2021

Maths

We will be exploring data at the beginning of this term. We will focus on constructing and reading tally charts, scaled block diagrams and pictographs. Children will be encouraged to understand the limitations of such data and ask their own questions about it.

We will then move on to exploring shapes and patterns; lines and turns. The children will begin by identifying and describing properties of 2D and 3D shapes. They will then use this knowledge to help them compare and sort common shapes and objects. We then move onto describing position and movement using mathematical language. For example, I have moved one quarter turn (90 degrees) clockwise.

Writing

Children are focuses on improving their sentence structure and their grammatical skills through recounts and retelling of various stories. We wil continue to work on conjunctions and adjectives but will focus on expanded noun phrases, the use of apostrophes, suffixes and prefixes and how we can use them to improve our writing.

Computing

This term term the children are using coding to programme a sprite (in the form of a plane or rocket). The instructions the children with give will enable it to around the screen.

Reading

We will explore the stories of a variety of authors and examine how their use of language makes great storytellers. There will be a particular focus on accuracy of spelling, punctuation and conjunctions. Children will be encouraged to use a range of vocabulary and use their reading to develop and influence their writing.

At home, children are to expected to read for 25 minutes daily. This can have a fantastic impact on their vocabulary and writing as well. Please encourage your child to read independently and to use their phonics skills when they are faced with unfamiliar words.

This half term in Year 2...

History and Geography:

As our topic this term is "Flying high". Children will be learning about three main flight pioneers: Sergeant William Robinson Clarke, Herzarfan Celebi and Amelia Earhart. They will be learning about different flight mahines of different times and comparing them to modern day machines. They will be using pictures to determine a period of time based on the styles of flight machines and they will be using key dates to complete our ongoing timelines.

Design & Technology

This term, children will plan, design and make their flying machine- inspired by the text Izzi Gizmo.

Science

During Spring 2 children will be learning about materials and their properties. They will be conducting their own experiments to determine which material would be the most suitable for their flying machines and why.

Music

This half term, all pupils will be diving deeper into the elements of music. Year 2 will be focusing on pitch through Kodaly's solfa system. They will also begin to start writing notation like real musicians!

Religious Education

Our 'Big Question' this term is "What does the story of Noah really mean?" During the this term children will learn about the story of Noah and how this story is linked to grace. They will learn about Easter and its importance to Christians. Children will learn about the different symobols of Easter so that they are able to understand in a more indepth way its meaning to Christians.

We are reading:



Just a reminder...



Can you please check your child's clothes regularly to ensure they are labelled so they are easily identifiable.