

# Year 2: Autumn 1

What are we learning this half term?

In English, our work will be set around books including:

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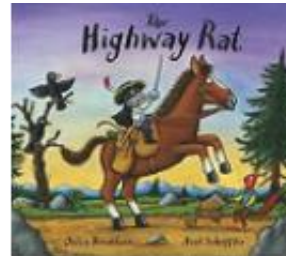
The Story of Flying

Taking Flight

The Highway Rat



The Leaf Thief

The Story Orchestra



## Maths

- \* Place value
- \* Length and mass
- \* Addition and subtraction
- \* 2-D and 3-D shape

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Reasoning and problem solving are incorporated into each unit.

We will also practise our times tables (x2 x3 x5 x10) and appreciate all your support with this.

## Science

Everyday materials. Children will explore the suitability of a range of materials for different purposes, as well as learning that the shape of solid materials can be changed by squashing, bending, stretching or twisting. This topic links extremely well to our 'First Flight' history and DT topics.

## History

First Flight. As part of our history topic this half term, we will go to Manchester Runway Visitor Park (Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September).



## Computing

Route Explorers: creating commands and building Algorithms and online safety.



## PE

Sending and receiving (mini tag rugby)



## RE

Does how we treat the world matter? This links to the Year 2 focus question for the year: how do we respond to things that really matter?



## PSHE

What makes us unique?



## Design & Technology

Our DT project this half term is linked to our history topic (First Flight). Children will explore what happens when an object becomes airborne and why many early attempts failed. They will become inventors themselves and make helicopters and a variety of planes.

## Flairs

Throughout the year children will complete badges in Textiles, Performing Arts, Music and Gastronomy.

# Year 2 Homework

## Reading

Each day we ask that you are read to at home (a variety of lovely books) and that you regularly practise your school reading book so that you are ready to change it at least once per week. You may change your book any day of the week by adding it into the book changing box on entry to school. If you attend breakfast club, the staff there will help you to locate the box. Children will be given the opportunity to choose a class library book every Friday for home reading for both pleasure and breadth. We also encourage you to take regular trips to our local library in Clitheroe to select new titles for bedtime stories. Occasionally, word lists may be given that are matched to the phonics sounds being taught to practise further at home.

## Spellings

Check with Zara.

## Other subjects

We do not give any formal homework for other subjects. This is because the evidence states that it has little impact on outcomes and we would much prefer children using their home time for fun, playing outdoors, visiting family and friends and hobbies. However, if you wish to do anything informally, then counting up to, and beyond 100 regularly, would be beneficial. This could be done whilst playing catch etc. Once children can count in ones forwards, try counting backwards. Children could count in tens, e.g. 10, 20, 30 etc or in steps of five or two.

## Queries/Concerns

If you have any queries or anything else that you would like to communicate with us, then we very much have an open door policy. A member of staff will be on hand to speak with you on entry to school or after school when the children are being collected without an appointment. Please just catch us at the door.

If this is not possible due to work commitments, please arrange a telephone call via Mrs McManus in the school office on 01200 422239. Alternatively, you can email her at [bursar@edisford.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@edisford.lancs.sch.uk).

## Reading Volunteers

In Reception and Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) we are always looking for volunteers who may be able to volunteer an afternoon to help our children with their reading. If you, or any grandparents are able to donate your time at all, please see the class teacher. Thank you