



Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

Dear Parents or carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you have had a lovely Christmas. Thank you for all your support in settling your children back into school.

Here is some information about the next term that outlines what we will be learning about and will hopefully be helpful to you.

### Theme

Our topic work this term is all about Flight.

As Geographers we will look at where we can travel and discover where our own class has been!

As Historians, children will find out about the invention of aeroplanes and all about Sir Frank Whittle and the Wright Brothers.

As Artists children will explore materials and create a sculpture.

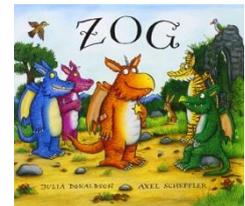
As Designers they will also design, test and evaluate their own flying machine!

**Our 'Wow' moment will be an 'Airport Day' where the children will enjoy a simulated 'flight', checking in their luggage and enjoying some inflight entertainment before landing at their destination!**

### English

Work this term focuses on:

- stories with patterned language: *Zog* by Julia Donaldson - writing a character description and letter to the author
- recount: writing about our Flight launch day
- poetry: *Daddy Fell into the Pond* by Alfred Noyes- performing and recording the poem
- classic tales: Jack and the Beanstalk - rewriting our own version of the story
- information texts: class information booklet on Flight



Within written work the focus will be on:

- correct formation and orientation of all letters of the alphabet
- accurate use of singular and plurals
- identifying nouns, adjectives and verbs in sentences
- using adjectives for description
- writing using the correct tense
- continuing to learn to use capital letters and full stops correctly.
- reading High Frequency words accurately during independent reading.

### Mathematics

This term we will:

- read and write numbers from 1 to 40 in figures and words
- count on and back in twos, fives and tens
- add and subtract one-digit and two-digit numbers to 20 including zero
- count repeated groups of objects
- shapes and patterns - recognising and grouping shapes
- length and height - measuring and comparing



The children will also be solving problems and puzzles involving understanding of numbers and operations and explaining their methods and justifying decisions.

The children will record their work in their Maths Workbooks and Maths Journals where they will explain their thinking,

### **Religious Education - RE**

This term the children will learn about Christianity, Judaism and Islam. They will compare the different beliefs and look at ways in which they are similar and different. They will also explore why they are important to our community.

### **Physical Education - PE**

In PE this term's activities will focus on:

- gymnastics: mastering basic movements and developing balance and coordination, dance and games
- dance: exploring body actions and creating short dances
- games: mastering basic movements including running, jumping, throwing and catching and participating in team games.



### **Personal, Social and Health Education - PSHE**

#### **Being in my world**

Children will exploring the two topics 'Healthy Me' and 'Dreams and Goals'.



#### **Science**

As scientists the children will be studying two units of work.

First we will be focusing on '**Materials**'.

We will learn to:

- identify and name a variety of different materials
- describe the properties of materials
- compare and group everyday materials



Then we will continue to look at '**Seasons**', learning to:

- observe changes across the four seasons
- observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies.

#### **Homework**

Your child will also bring home a reading book and key words to learn to read and write. When they have learnt all of their Year 1 HFW they will focus on learning to spell these words. Please send your child's book to school every day. We would be grateful if you could write a comment in the reading diary.



Children will also be given a POWER project this term linked to our 'Flight' topic. These projects are due in on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Collins, Miss Page and Miss Payne

Year 1 Teachers