

### Flying



#### English- Writing

We will continue focusing on basic skills like writing in sentences, full stops and capital letters. We will gradually build up to writing longer sentences with conjunctions, adjectives and adverbs. We will start the term with writing a non-chronological report about unicorns. In the second topic of flying we will move on to writing stories with familiar settings and adventures stories where something goes wrong.

Reading is a vital skill for learning at White Hall Academy. The best readers are those that read outside of school and are able to talk about what they have read. Please continue to hear your child read daily, and remember to sign their reading log. Children can record any reading that they do in their reading logs, not just the book they bring home from school. This could be newspapers, magazines, websites, annuals and manuals.

All the children who read at least three times a week will be contributing towards earning a special trophy in our celebration assembly.

#### Maths

We will start the year looking at multiplication and division using the 2, 5, 10 and 3 times tables. We will be working with money, adding money and finding amount and finding change. It would really help if the children could play with real coins at home. We will be looking at length and measure along with mass and capacity. At home, you could help by quizzing them on the 2, 5, 10 and 3 times tables. Maths is all around us in everyday life. Please help your child by reading the time, counting money and understanding days of the week and months of the year.



#### Flying

Children will be exploring significant people and events in history. We will start the topic by learning all about the first aeroplane flight and famous people, such as the Wright brothers and Amelia Earhart. We will also be learning how transport has changed over time.

In Geography we will be exploring Globes, Atlases and maps. We will be learning about continents and oceans around the world. We will design our own maps and plan different journeys using all the key features of the maps.

In Science we will learn about living and non-living things. We will explore different habitats on our school grounds and then around the world.

As always we have a focus on internet safety, as well as beginning to understand and use Questioning, graphs and pictograms in ICT using Purple Mash.

Our focus during RE is Islam. We will look at the word commitment and how this affects our lives.

We are continuing to promote all of the Growth Mindset skills which help us to learn: *determination, effort* and *never giving up!* We will be improving their own learning and coping with the challenges. What makes a good learner, working with others, what helps us to learn, reflections.

## **PE Days**

Our PE lessons will be the following days: 2SA and 2H Monday and Wednesday, 2L Tuesday and Wednesday. We will continue participating in Skip2Bfit every day.

It is important your child wears the correct PE kit on PE days. This is a white T-shirt, black shorts, jogging bottoms and school jumper for cold weather.

Long hair must be tied back and children must either be able to remove their own earrings, or earrings should be removed at home. Children wearing earrings will not be permitted to take part in PE.

## **Coats & 'Wet Play'**

Now that the weather is getting colder, please ensure that your child brings a named coat to school every day.

## **Named uniform**

Sometimes children may misplace belongings in school. To help ensure your child has the correct uniform returned to them, please make sure all of their uniform is named. This includes jumpers and cardigans, water bottles and lunch boxes.

## **Drinks**

Children should bring a named water bottle to school. These can be refilled with water during the school day.

## **Useful Websites**

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

<https://www.everschool.co.uk/maths-key-stage-1-multiplication.html>

<http://www.maths-games.org/time-games.html>

<http://www.scienceforkidsclub.com/airplanes.html>

We are looking forward to a productive and exciting term. Please feel free to ask us if you would like any additional information.

## **Best Wishes**

Miss Leach, Mrs Stanhope, Mr Halls and Mrs Akarung