

Horse Chestnut Class Newsletter

June 2016

Is it a bird? Is it a plane? Is it a...no it's only Horse Chestnut Class learning about flight! Make sure your seat belts are fastened and your drinks are safely stored away because we are in for a bumpy ride as our learning takes off this final half term we have together. It will be a time for celebration but also reflection as the Year 2s prepare for their journey to the Junior school and the Year 1s get set to take their place as the oldest in the school. We will take time to celebrate the amazing achievements we have accomplished as a class this year and reflect on how despite some sadness changes must happen in order for us to all move forward. I would like to take the opportunity to thank Horse Chestnut Class for being amazing this year. I am extremely proud to have been your teacher

Our school topic for this half term is: Flight

Our enquiry question is: Which is better at flying: a bee, a kite or a bird?

English

We will be furthering our story writing skills by writing a continuation of the story The Frog Prince. We will also be putting our knowledge of adjectives to good by using them to describe the incredibly nasty Trunchbull from Matilda. As usual we will be concentrating on using our punctuation correctly and applying our spellings.

Maths

As we are going to be expert engineers this half term by designing and making flying machines and a moving vehicle, we will need to make sure our maths skills are ready! We will need to measure dowelling, straws and string and use nets to make 3D shapes.

Topic

Following on from our visit to Duxford we will be learning about the history of flight. We will travel back into the past to learn about the Wright brothers and the pioneering female pilots Amy Johnson and Amelia Earhart. We will share the story of Rosie Revere, Engineer and use this as inspiration to design our own flying machines and investigate how hot air balloons work by creating our own. We may even have time to take part in a bubble investigation!

PE

We will be continuing with Games this half term. We will be creating our own team games with aiming, throwing and catching skills. We will concentrate on developing rules and scoring systems.

Please remember trainers are needed for outdoor PE.

PSHE and RE

In PSHE we will discuss the main concern at this time of year: Changes. We will talk about transitions, which may include worries and things we are looking forward to.

In RE we will learn about the Hindu festival of Ratha Yatra (Festival of Chariots) and make our own moving vehicle for the parade using axles and wheels.

How to Support at Home

Can you...
*practise your spellings by writing them in sentences?
*use adjectives to describe a character from your reading book?
*look for and describe 2D and 3D shapes you find in your home?

Reminders

PE: Monday and Friday (indoor and outdoor kits please)

Library session: Tuesday

Homework packs: Changed every Friday

Class Dates

Year 2 Writing Cafe
Tues 14th June 2pm

Year 1 Maths Cafe
Weds 22nd June 2pm

Year 2 Whitlingham trip
Thurs 23rd June

Work Examples – Phoneme Families

Each half term we are sharing with you some work from the class that demonstrates the new National expectations. This half term we are demonstrating some of our phonic work where the children have made choices as to which grapheme (written sound) represents each phoneme (spoken sound). To support at home, you could spot phonemes with different graphemes in your child's reading book as part of their daily reading.

