

Stag Class

Our learning theme for this half term is...

The Great Air Race: Mildenhall to Melbourne

Our focus will be on this local historical event and many of our subjects will be accessed through or related to this theme. Some subjects, such as maths, will continue to be taught separately.

In English, we will be looking at News Reports for the first few weeks. We will be thinking about how to construct different styles of article using bias. At the end of the unit, we will be writing news reports about the Great Air Race. After this, we will then write biographies about the pilots and crews involved in the race.

In Maths, our focus will be on recapping knowledge from previous learning to do with Place Value and we will be looking at numbers up to 10,000,000. We will then move on to work on addition, subtraction, multiplication and division until half term.

In History, the class will be using research and historical enquiry skills to find out details about the Great Air Race and its participants. This will end with a trip to Mildenhall museum just before half term.

We will also be using geographical knowledge to map out the route that the planes took travelling from Mildenhall to Melbourne.

Links to Prior Learning

As we study our theme this term, we will be using our previous knowledge of timelines and recent history. We will also be linking it back to our knowledge of geography and the continents.

Our science topic is one that we are revisiting from year 4 so there will be some time spent recapping and remembering what we have already learned.



Our focus in Art will be on sculpture this half term. Over the next few weeks, we will learn how to create wire models and look at examples by famous artists.

In Science, our focus will be on electricity. We will be creating circuits and investigating how we can change the outputs of a circuit using variables.

On Thursday mornings each week Mrs Slingsby will be working with the class teaching RE, PSHE and Music.

Reminders:

Please ensure your child brings their reading book and journal to school each day as there will be opportunities most days to read or add to their journals.

PE will be on Fridays when we will be playing Tag Rugby. Please make sure you send your child to school wearing their PE kit. As the weather turns colder, they may need warmer options.

As part of our healthy eating approach, we do not allow squash or flavoured water in school, so please ensure your child has only water in their bottle. If your child would like a snack at break times, we ask that you send them to school with fresh fruit or vegetables to promote a healthy diet.

How to support your child at home:

To start the year our focus with homework will be on consolidating knowledge of times tables and spelling of the Year 5 and 6 statutory words. Purple Mash and TT Rockstars are both very useful for working on multiplication and division skills. Your child was also sent home this week with a copy of the statutory spelling words to practise.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to come and speak with me. Thank you in advance for your support.

Mr Cocks

Dates for your diary:

Class visit to Newmarket Academy – **Tuesday 17th September**

Mildenhall Museum Trip (info to be sent home soon) – **Monday 21st October**

End of half term – **Friday 20th Oct**