

### 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. We are hoping to fit in a trip to Mildenhall Museum and will send you more information when it is booked.

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 Wednesday 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 Mondays and Thursdays** when we will be learning about Tag Rugby and Parkour. Please make sure you send your child to school wearing their PE kit. As the weather turns colder, they may need warmer options.

### How to support your child at home:

Working in partnership is important to us and makes such a difference to your child's progress. We would like to make sure that all children are completing their 'home learning'

- Reading each day - recording their reading activity in their reading journal.
- Practise your current set of spellings and or the statutory spellings.
- Practise times tables frequently - focus on any your child struggles with. You can use Timetable Rock Stars or Hit the Button for this. You can also use any other methods your child enjoys.
- Homework books will be sent home in the coming weeks. Your child will also be given a SATs revision book to use alongside the homework. Each week they will be set specific tasks and we will go through these together in class.

Your class teacher will send home any information you need. Please ask if you have any questions.

### Dates for your diary:

Meet the Teacher session – **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September 3.30pm**

Mildenhall Museum Trip (info to be sent home soon) – **Date TBC**

Pony Academy – **Weeks beginning 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> October**  
(details for this and your child's week will be sent soon)

Parent's Evenings – **22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

End of half term – **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Oct**