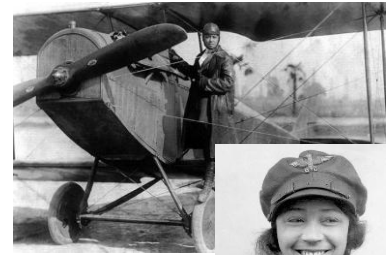




Northenden Community School

Class Information for Parents



Class Year 2

Term Spring 2 (6 weeks)

Theme Flight

The Big Idea!	<p>This term will have a history focus looking at the invention of the airplane and historically significant pilots including Bessie Coleman and Amelia Earhart. To compliment this in writing we will be looking at texts about flight. We will be reading 'Lizzie and the Birds' by Dawn Robertson before creating bird poems, writing in the role of a tornado and describing a setting. After we will look at Amelia Earhart's Little People Big Dreams by Maria Isabel Sánchez Vegara for inspiration to make our own Little People Big Dreams for Bessie Coleman. In science we will be looking at how plants grow, investigating seeds and conditions for growth, and keeping our own plant diary. In PSHE and DT we are thinking about what keeps us healthy. In PSHE we will be looking at keeping active, healthy diet, sleep and hygiene. In DT we are making wraps using what we have learned about healthy diets to select balanced ingredients.</p>
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	<p>In READING lessons, the children will ...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Build their comprehension skills through guided reading sessions and whole-class texts.• Read a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts, linking where possible to our History topic and English focus.• Guided reading focuses on bespoke skills such as phonics, blending, expression and comprehension. Your child will be listened to once a week by the class teacher in their guided reading groups which are flexible and based on their reading book band.
	<p>In WRITING lessons, the children will ...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Writing poems, character speeches, setting descriptions and non-fiction non-chronological reports.• Continue to use the contracted form of words, subordinating and coordinating conjunctions, -er and -est suffix and present/past tense.• Continue to practice letter formation, joining and correct basic grammar on a sentence level (capital letters and full stops).
	<p>In MATHEMATICS lessons, the children will...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Multiply and divide within the 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables• To know how to use arrays for multiplication and division, double/halve numbers, odd and even numbers and measure in cm, m , grams and kilograms.

In **COMPUTING / ICT** lessons, the children will



- Identify the main keys on a keyboard and use them for typing.
- Use the 'spacebar' correctly when typing short words or sentences.
- Type capital letters using the 'Shift' key.
- Explain that the keyboard is an input device used to enter information.
- Type sentences using a word processor and make simple text changes.
- Select text and use on-screen buttons to alter its appearance.

In **History** we will ...



- Identify important events in the past.
- Explain how a significant event has changed the lives of others.
- Ask questions about people and events in the past.
- Use primary sources to find out about people and events in the past.
- Correctly order five events on a timeline.

Consider why flight travel changed over time.

In **MUSIC** we will ...



- Move their eyes from left to right to read pitch patterns.
- Sing high and low notes including the notes in between.
- Play a pattern of high and low notes on an instrument.
- Read notation from left to right.
- Draw high and low sounds using dots at the top and bottom of a page, respectively.
- Recognise when notes stay the same.
- Recognise missing notes on a staff.

In **PSHCE** we will ...



- Learn how to keep healthy.
- Learn about balanced diets.
- Learn about keeping active.
- Learn about infection prevention and hygiene.

PE lessons will take place on TUESDAYs and THURSDAYs In our PE lessons, the children will ...



- On Tuesdays we will be doing games outside building on what we learned with the cricket coach last half term.
- On Thursday mornings we will be doing gymnastics and dance.

OTHER INFORMATION



- The class will be taught by Miss Ahmed on Wednesday afternoons.
- Homework will be given out on Fridays for return the following Thursday
- Library books to be changed every Friday
- Reading books changed when they are completed at home
- Spellings given every Friday and tested the following Friday
- PE kits in school so that we can do two lessons per week

YOU CAN HELP YOUR CHILD AT HOME BY ...



- Reading for at least 10 minutes a day- reading book bands and reading for pleasure
- Practice daily spellings and daily handwriting
- Observing your child whilst or after they complete homework to check for misconceptions