



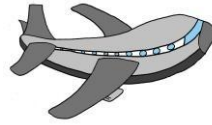
PURLEIGH COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

YEAR 2

SUMMER TERM 2026

This term our topic will be:

FEATHERS, FLIGHT AND FLYING SAUCERS!



Our topic this term is all about flight and space.

In **History**, children will investigate the first forms of flight, learning about the Montgolfier Brothers and how they created the hot air balloon. From there, children will learn about how early planes were developed and they will research famous figures such as the Wright Brothers. They will learn, also, about The Space Race and about those who have explored Space. There will be opportunities to use topic books and the Internet to investigate and research. I have organised a visit to Stow Maries Aerodrome to support our learning.

During **Science** sessions this term, the children will explore **living things and their habitats**, looking at **dependency** and **food chains**, before moving on to begin to explore **plants and the conditions for growth**. We will investigate how seeds and bulbs grow into healthy plants and will learn about seed dispersal. Towards the end of the term, we will visit Hyde Hall to consolidate our learning.

As part of our learning in Art and D.T. sessions, the children will begin to find out about Leonardo Da Vinci and his ideas for flying machines, beginning with birds and feathers. We will explore how to make paper fly, looking at the design of paper aeroplanes and other fliers, and how to make the highest or longest flier. The children will have the opportunity to design and evaluate their own parachute.

We will continue to develop drawing skills using observation, imagination and a variety of media. The children will look at the work of **Georgia O'Keeffe** and will explore the natural environment to stimulate art, discovering the works of **Andy Goldsworthy**.

Our **English** work this term will focus on poetry, initially. Children will develop their descriptive vocabulary and will explore a number of different poems about birds, including Tennyson's **The Eagle**. We will finish the book, Moon Dragons and then begin a new book study using a text called **Moth** to develop our reading skills and to expand our vocabulary knowledge and understanding. In pairs and with the class, the children will research Space to develop the skills of reading and writing non-fiction using information texts and the Internet. We will continue to practise a growing range of strategies to encourage independent writing and spelling.

Maths work this term will continue to involve practising mental maths skills, involving the use of memorised number facts such as times tables, number bonds to 10 and 100, doubles and halves. We will reinforce understanding of inverse operations, using these to check answers and to improve accuracy. The children will begin work on Multiplication and Division, leading to understanding Fractions. They will learn about fractions of shapes and amounts and will learn, also, how to solve a variety of word problems involving one and two steps. Measuring work will include weight, capacity and time. The children will use standard units such as grams and litres, but will also work with uniform non-standard units. Clock work will focus on telling the time to the hour, half hour and quarter hour.



In **Computing** lessons, the children will be studying data and information as well as how to create digital media. They will continue to develop their skills in computer programming, or **coding**.

Topic work will give the children opportunities to develop and extend their word processing skills, creating, storing and sharing pictures, information and stories using ICT.

As always, we will stress the importance of **Online Safety** with the children, ensuring that they understand strategies to exercise caution online when they research areas of topic work.

P.E. will continue to take place on **Mondays and Tuesdays**. The children should come to school in PE kit on these days. Long hair should be tied back and all jewellery, including watches and earrings must be removed, thank you. **If earrings cannot be removed, then your child will be unable to take part in P.E. so do bear this in mind when considering having your child's ears pierced.**

Mrs Lomboard will focus on **Islam** as the theme for **R.E.** In this unit, pupils will find out about Islam, key beliefs and ways of living for Muslims. Pupils will learn about some of the key Muslim beliefs about God found in the Shahadah and learn about the 99 names of Allah.

P.S.H.E. sessions will take place weekly. The children will explore a number of themes this term related to keeping themselves healthy before moving on to learning about relationships, including those with families, friends and other people in their community.

Homework: Please see the **Year 2 Summer Term Homework** document, which contains all of the homework for this term. As always, this is available on our Class Page on the school website. I will continue to set weekly Arithmetic tasks, also available on the Class Page.

Other than the list of homework tasks given, continuing to listen to your child read on a daily basis, discussing books and reading to your child will be crucial to his or her progress. The children will continue to bring home weekly spelling patterns to practise. Times tables will be tested at school once learnt at home and certificates awarded as appropriate.

Do please contact me if you have any concerns or queries.

Thank you,
Mr Coker