



# Mars classroom news

## What we are learning...

### Topic: The Big Idea!

Our topic will explore great aviation pioneers including the Wright Brothers, Amelia Earhart and Amy Johnson. We will learn all about the first powered flight and design our own toy aeroplanes with working wheels and an axle in D&T. In science we will investigate different materials including paper and card, testing their properties.

In RSHE we will explore relationships including family and friends. In RE we will learn all about Jewish beliefs and festivals.

### English:

In English we will be writing instructions for how to make a paper helicopter and an adventure story based on the theme of flight. New spelling lists can be found on the class page of the school's website. Our class novels will be Flat Stanley by Jeff Brown and Rosie Revere and the Raucous Riveters by Andrea Beaty.

### Maths:

This half term in maths we will be focusing on addition and subtraction using resources and number lines. We will look at word problems and also begin work on money. Identifying coins and notes and making amounts of money in different ways (e.g. how many ways can you make 50p) are all great home learning tasks.

### Our values

Thankfulness &  
Respect

*To appreciate the beauty and bounty of the world around us and to value the families, gifts and opportunities that we have been given.*

### Dates for your diary

Thursday 19th November  
World Toilet Day - come dressed in something blue and bring a donation if you can

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December  
Christmas Lunch Day &  
Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 18th December  
Last day of term

## Reminders...

- PE will continue to be on Mondays. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing warm outdoor PE kit (jogging bottoms, white t-shirt, warm hoodie and trainers).
- Thank you for maintain a 2m distance from the door at drop off and pick up. If you would like to speak to us in more detail please make an appointment via the office.
- The Yorkshire Air Museum makes a fantastic trip to enhance our class topic. Can you find the replica of the Wright Flyer and find out more about Amy Johnson and Amelia Earhart? Tickets give you repeat entry for 12 months (when they reopen!)  
[www.yorkshireairmuseum.org](http://www.yorkshireairmuseum.org)