

## Welcome back to Unicorn Class

Welcome back to school! We hope you all had a fantastic break over the Christmas period and are well rested for our busy term ahead! Miss Mead is back and is looking forward to welcoming you all back into the classroom.

## History:

Taking to the Skies!

We'll dive into the incredible story of the Wright Brothers and discover how they achieved the world's first successful flight. Together, we'll analyse evidence, explore how their achievements changed travel and aviation forever, and discuss what made them so resilient in the face of challenges.

We'll also connect their ground-breaking work to our school value of resilience, thinking about how determination can lead to amazing accomplishments. As part of the fun, we might even take a flight on Long Mead Airlines and design and build our own flying machines!

## Science

During term 3, we will be learning all about animals, including humans. We will begin by understanding that all animals are at a stage in their lifestyle, how they adapt during their lifetime and how they start as babies and grow into adults. We will then learn that as our bodies get older, they grow and what necessities animals need to survive!

## English

This term our English lessons will be based on the book 'The Dragon Machine' by Helen Ward. The children will continue to join words using 'and', correctly punctuate sentences and use plural noun suffixes. Our writing outcome is to be able to write a story based upon 'The Dragon Machine' using their own ideas for a change of character and machine.

## The Wright Brothers



## Maths

Year 2: We'll begin the term by strengthening our skills in addition and subtraction, making sure we're confident with what we've learned so far. Next, we'll explore money, where we'll practice counting coins and notes, making equal amounts, and working out change.  
Year 1: Our focus will start with 2D and 3D shapes. We'll learn to name them and talk about their properties—how many sides, corners, edges, or faces they have! After that, we'll work with numbers up to 20, use number lines, and discover the fun of finding doubles. Throughout the term, we'll solve word problems to apply our maths skills in everyday situations. It's going to be an exciting journey of discovery and problem-solving!

## PE

Unicorn class will have two PE sessions a week: on Tuesday and Thursday. Please continue to send your children in to school wearing their PE kits. We will be learning a range of skills such as gymnastics, football, netball and dodgeball.

## Phonics

Children will continue to practise daily phonics to help them decode and blend sounds to form words. Please continue to read every night to support their progression.

## RE

This term we will be looking at 'What is the good news Jesus brings?'

## Computing

In computing, this term we will focus on learning to understand the functionality of the basic direction keys to create algorithms. They will also learn how to debug algorithms. E-safety is also covered every term.

## P.S.H.E

This term our focus is dreams and goals. We will be learning to recognise and celebrate achieving our goals.

## DT

This term the children will be making winding toys. They will be learning the skills of designing, making and evaluating.

## Music

This term we will be practising our singing and performance skills and learning simple notes on the glockenspiel.