

## English

In English this half term we will be reading the story 'Henry Finch' by Alexis Deacon. This story is about a flock of finches that have no thoughts, until one day Henry starts to think for himself.

The children will be writing about Henry as a character, they will write a monologue of his thoughts and feelings. The children will also explore the role of the Beast in the story and whether he is a baddie or not. The children will then go on to learn about the history of flight and write a historical report about it.

## Maths

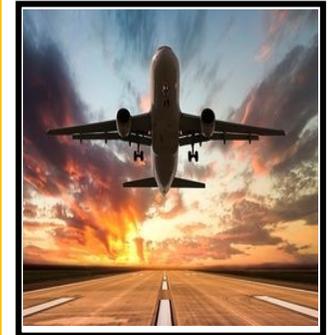
In maths this half term we will be consolidating our knowledge of place value and apply this to coins, making amounts with different coins. The children will learn to add and subtract two-digit numbers to/ from two- digit numbers. The children will be using concrete and pictorial resources to solve addition and subtraction problems. The children will also begin learning their 2, 5 and 10 times tables. Please practise counting in 2s, 5s and 10s to help your children feel confident with this and please recap number bonds to 10 and 20 at home.

## Science

In science this half term we will be learning about materials. The children will be describing properties of everyday materials and using words like transparent, opaque and flexible. The children will be grouping materials based on these properties and explaining why they have done that. The children will explore how solid objects can change their shape by squashing, twisting, bending and stretching. The children will then go on to test how materials are changed when they are cooled and heated.



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## Topic

In our topic lessons this half term we will be focusing on history and DT (design technology).

In DT we will be making model aeroplanes. The children will be exploring how to join materials together and investigating the use of wheels and axles and how they move together. They will then design their toy aeroplane. The children will be using a range of materials; plastic, cardboard, paper and various wheels to construct their model vehicle. We will ask children to bring in some recycling materials nearer the time.

In history the children will be learning about the history of flight. They will be finding out who Orville and Wilbur Wright were and how they designed and flew the first aeroplane in 1903. The children will be researching and finding out about Britain's most famous female pilot, Amy Johnson, who was the first woman to fly from the UK to Australia alone in 1930.



## Garfield Primary School Curriculum Newsletter

**Year 2 Autumn 2**

**'How did we learn to fly like a bird?'**

**PE:** Wednesday

**Homework:** Comes home on Friday and returned to school on Tuesday

### Suggested books to read

The Way Back Home—Oliver Jeffers

How to Catch a Star—Oliver Jeffers

Peter Pan—various versions

Little Wings: the story of Amy Johnson

Max and Bird—Ed Vere

Calvin Can't Fly—Jennifer Berne

## RE

In RE this half term the children are learning about the festival of light, Diwali. The children will be using pictures, images and artefacts to find out more about the story of Diwali and how Hindus celebrate this special festival.

## PSHE

In PSHE this half term the children will be learning about how to keep safe. They will explore who to talk to if they feel unsafe and discuss safe boundaries with friends. We will also talk about how to keep ourselves and each other safe.

### Suggested places to visit

Virtual Tour at the Museum of Flight:

<https://www.museumofflight.org/Explore-The-Museum/Virtual-Museum-Online>

### Suggested websites to visit

theschoolrun.com (History of flight), BBC bitesize (air travel in the 20th century), sciencemuseum.org.uk (make it fly), science-sparks.com (experiments you can make fly)