



Having joined the DMAT family at the end of last year we are already appreciating the support and collaboration offered by new colleagues and the MAT team, so thank you all.

## Learning

Last half term, **Class 1** have been investigating the history of transport and key people who influenced how we travel today or have been role models in demonstrating how to be 'Brave, Curious and Determined', including the Wright brothers, Amelia Earhart, Neil Armstrong and Ellen MacArthur. We have also been visited in class by Will (a helicopter pilot) and George (a yachtsman) Newman (parents of children in class) who talked to us about their work with transport. This half term we will be kick starting our new topic 'Animal Magic' with a visit to Banham Zoo incorporating an educational session which explores where different animals come from in the world.



**KS2** have been learning about 'Energy and the Environment' and how they can make a difference. They have also looked at significant individuals who have influenced the way we think about the world around us such as Greta Thunberg and Sir David Attenborough. To enhance their learning the children visited EDF HQ at Sizewell and had a great day learning all about how the power station operates and the environmental projects that EDF are involved with.

## Social and Emotional Health

This half term we have spent a lot of time focussing on discussing how we feel in class. The children have daily 'Zones of Regulation' sessions when we talk about the colours of our emotions and how we manage our feelings to allow us to work calmly and effectively. It has given everyone an opportunity to share and listen to others and we aim to continue encouraging this throughout the year.



In addition to this we have been joined by Peter Willis and his dog Charlie, a Pets as Therapy dog. Both of them will be visiting weekly to encourage reading and helping everyone to decrease their anxiety to improve learning outcomes. Teachers and children alike are all welcome to take time out of their morning to spend some time with Charlie to brighten up their day!

