



## Eagles Class - Terms 3 and 4 Newsletter



Welcome back to the New Year, we hope you had a good Christmas break. Our newsletter includes information about our timetable and events up until Easter. Please ask if you have any questions.

Terms 3 and 4	
Literacy	In termthree, we are concentrating on recounts in the form of biographies, learning to write descriptions that bring a character or setting to life (with the help of Elizabeth I). Also understanding how to formally structure non fiction texts. Spellings will usually be given weekly, but these will be based on the unit of work we are learning about and words that we are using, as well as common misspelled words. It makes such a difference if your child is read to and with at home regularly - ask them to make up stories to tell you and see if you can carry them on together. Please also support your child with their spellings and homework. Each child is expected to read every night for at least ten minutes.
Mathematics	This term we are starting with properties of numbers, reading scales, all four operations within word problems and most weeks, we will be completing a mathematical investigation to really make us all think! Each lesson begins with a quick oral/mental starter activity, helping the children with rapid recall of number facts. This will still include multiplication and related division facts (these are the triples - e.g. $6 \times 24 = 24$ , $24 \div 4 = 6$ etc). You can help your children at home by learning multiplication/division facts, but as every child learns differently also include hands on activities like baking, shopping lists and budgets, timetables and journey times. Times tables will be tested weekly along with mental maths.
Science	Our Science topics this term include a survival challenge! Hands on investigations and experiments will take place most weeks with the emphasis on children finding out answers practically. Children will be planning investigations using their own knowledge to solve scientific and practical challenges.
ICT	Eagles will be learning how to handle and work with multi media and spreadsheets. ICT use will mainly be linked with topic.
Religious Education	The children will be learning different aspects of religion beginning with Judaism and rites of passage from birth to death.
Geography	Geography will be linked with history this term, concentrating on Sir Francis Drake's journey circumnavigating the world and learning about some of the places that he discovered or visited. Learning how to navigate, longitudes and latitudes along with continents and countries.
History	Eagles will be travelling back to the age of Tudor exploration, hopefully including a visit to the National Maritime Museum! Our learning will be linked with literacy and follows the adventures of famous explorers during the reign of Elizabeth I.
Physical Education	The children will be partaking in outdoors education in the form of invasion games. Indoor PE will include general keep fit to music, gym and dance. PE KIT SHOULD BE IN SCHOOL AT ALL TIMES with plimsolls or preferably trainers. Tracksuit trousers would be useful for outdoor PE when it gets cold. All children will be expected to take part unless a letter has been sent in.
Music	Mrs White continues to teach the children a range of different instruments weekly.
PSHE	We will be looking at 7 areas of personal, social and health education over the year starting off with health and staying healthy.
French	We will be learning vocabulary related to school, describing ourselves and French markets. This will include previous vocabulary to build upon their previous knowledge.
Art and DT	We are continuing in the Tudor theme and will be creating portraits, learning about Holbein along with proportion and symmetry.
Homework	The children will continue to receive homework on a regular weekly basis. This is usually given weekly in a folder. Children will also have spelling and multiplication/division facts and number bonds to learn and will be tested weekly. They may receive a long term task that follows our topics with an art or DT theme. Homework is set every Friday and has to be back on the next Wednesday unless otherwise stated. Home Reading books will be checked and stamped by Mrs Burrows every Tuesday and Thursday during morning registration.

Mrs Hunt and Mrs Burrows