



Eagles Class - Terms One and Two Newsletter



Welcome back to the new school term, we hope you had an enjoyable summer break. Our newsletter includes information about our timetable and events up until Christmas. Please ask if you have any questions.

Terms 1 and 2	
Literacy	In term one and two, we are concentrating on narrative fiction and building tension. Non-fiction writing will turn Eagles into expert debaters, who can argue both sides of an interesting point. 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. <u>Each child is expected to read every night for at least ten minutes, the children that do this are more likely to make accelerated progress.</u>
Mathematics	This term we are starting with recapping the basics of division, multiplication, subtraction and some addition. These are areas that still need work on to be secure with calculation. Gaps in word problems will also be addressed along with decimal ordering, decimal conversion and for some groups, recognising and working with fractions. 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. <u>Times tables will be tested weekly along with mental maths.</u>
Science	Our Science topics include a 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 visual and printed information about geographical zones for climate, vegetation and habitat. Information will be collated both at home and at school to form an interactive presentation along with sound inserts and hyperlinks.
Religious Education	Children will be learning and comparing aspects of Christianity and science over the two terms.
Geography	Geography will be linked with history this term, concentrating on the different hemispheres including zones for climate, flora and fauna and lines of latitude.
History	The ancient civilisation of the Aztec people will be covered in depth up until Christmas. The Aztecs were the inventors of so many modern day technologies including hydroponics. Eagles will be making models of these early inventions.
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 getting on and being respectful.
French	We will be learning vocabulary related to our birthdays. Days of the week, months of the year and French birthday traditions.
Art and DT	We will be studying the artist Klimt, his use of gold within his art and how he represented the differences between men and women through symbols and patterns. The Kiss and the Tree of Life will be our main focus.
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 Thursday unless otherwise stated. Home Reading books will be checked and stamped by Mrs Burrows or Mrs Herbert every Tuesday and Thursday during morning registration.

Mrs Hunt, Mrs Herbert and Mrs Burrows