



What's happening in the Eagles Class in the Spring Term?



We hope you all had a lovely, relaxing Christmas break.

In Maths this term we are focussing on: mental calculations, money, fractions (year 3), length/mass/volume (year 4). We will be continuing with times tables challenge and children will be tested weekly on the times table that they are learning. We will be continuing with times tables challenges and children will be tested frequently on the times tables that they are learning.

In English this term we are focussing on: poetry, non-chronological reports and narrative writing. We will cover a range of grammar within the lessons and also work on reading comprehension and spellings.

This term we will be learning.....

<i>Topic</i>	Vikings
<i>Science</i>	A world of living things
<i>DT / Art</i>	Observational drawings and sketching. Craft work linked to topic and English.
<i>Music</i>	CASMA opera project. Listening to and appraising a range of music. Composing and performing (based on reggae music).
<i>RE</i>	How do people respond to issues of poverty and justice?
<i>PE</i>	Dance, ball skills including football and rugby.
<i>French</i>	Numbers, days of the week, months of the year, seasons, birthdays and time.
<i>Computing</i>	E-safety and Scratch programming
<i>Creative Carousel</i>	On a Friday afternoon, pupils work on a variety of creative subjects: Music, Computing, Cooking and Robotics.

Please make sure that your child has a PE Kit at school everyday.

PE will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Children will also be taking part in the daily mile activity.

Art aprons are required to protect the children's clothing during art and design activities.

All kit should be clearly labelled with your child's name.

Homework

Spellings: The children will be issued with some words to learn on Mondays, using the 'Look, Say, Cover, Write and Check' method. These will be tested the following Monday. Pupils will record their score and incorrect spellings on a copy of the spelling list stuck in their homework books. They will be focussing on these spellings within their handwriting activities and within independent learning time.

Reading: The children have the opportunity to change their books daily if they need to. Please continue to support your child with their reading and understanding at home. We encourage them to **read a minimum of three times a week at home**. Please make a note in their reading record book which should come in to **school daily**. The children are able to take home two library books every fortnight providing they have returned any pending loans.

Reading is very important as children are not only building fluency but also their knowledge of vocabulary, which is essential when tackling comprehension tasks. According to one source, if you read for twenty minutes a day you'll encounter an estimated 1,800,000 words over the course of a year whereas reading for only one minute a day will result in only 8,000 words. So, hearing children read regularly and reading to your children really does pay dividends in secondary school.

Writing homework

Please see sheet stuck in their homework book.

Maths: We will continue with the times table challenge as part of the Times Tables Rock Stars programme. Please encourage your child to use the Times Table Rockstars programme on a regular basis in order to support and improve their knowledge and speed of recall of the multiplication tables. All children have been provided with individual login details (a parent information letter as well as a sticker in their homework books). We will continue to identify appropriate activities on the mymaths site for pupils to access and have a go at. Login details are: username: tacpri, password: enlarge.

Finally, if you have any questions, queries or concerns about your child please feel free to come and see one of us to arrange a mutually convenient time.

Thank you

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