

What's happening in the Eagles Class in the Spring Term 2021?

We hope you all had a healthy and safe Christmas and we look forward to welcoming a new year of hope and good health for everyone.

In Maths this term we are focussing on: mass, mental calculations, money, fractions, time, graphs

In English this term we are focussing on: Writing to instruct, The Iron Man, writing non-chronological reports and diary writing

This term we will be learning.....

Topic	The Iron Man
Science	States of matter and electricity
DT / Art	Designing and making a robot
Music	Body Percussion, creating music using technology. Listening to and appraising music.
RE	What can we tell from Religious Art
Computing	Coding, internet safety and PowerPoint
PE	Dance
PSHE	Self-awareness, being responsible and caring for others. Personal safety.
French	Our family and pets. Mannerisms.

Please make sure that your child comes to school in PE kit every Tuesday and Thursday. 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, which will include: easy to misspell words, words that follow a spelling pattern and some tricky words for those who would like to challenge themselves a little more. These will be tested the following Monday. All children have access to Spellingframe which they can use to practise their spellings on a weekly basis.

Reading: The children have the opportunity to change their books every Monday. Please continue to support your child with their reading and understanding at home. We encourage them to read a minimum of five times a week, this can be any text. Please make a note in their reading record book which will be checked regularly. We are continuing to work on our Reading Challenge and would like to see as many pupils as possible achieve the butterfly goal by the end of the year.

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.

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. We will also 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.

Written homework: This year all homework will be set on Google Classrooms. Children will be given approximately two weeks to complete each task that is set and this work is to be handed in via Google Classrooms. We will be going through the set up with the children in class to ensure that everybody is familiar with how it works and will always be happy to provide additional support and arrangements for children who are unable to access it at home. This homework will begin once all children have been assigned with the correct class and details.

With all homework, be it spellings, reading or a piece of writing, when parents interact with their children and provide support and interest in the activity that they are completing, we know that this goes a long way to help improve the learning outcomes for the child. Please involve yourself as much as you can with your child's home learning and if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us through the class email address.

Knowledge Organisers

Over the course of the next few weeks, the spring term knowledge organisers will begin to appear on the school website. These will contain information about vocabulary, key facts and information that will be being discussed and covered across a unit of work. They will be shared with the pupils within the classroom and displayed on the walls. Please feel free to use them as a reference guide and discussion tool for what your child is learning.

Our Value for Life this term is Respect and we will be reflecting on this during our daily Collective Worship and as part of our daily school life so please do embrace any opportunities of Respect with your child and take the time to talk about them. All pupils will be reminded of the importance of showing respect to everyone and also that they deserve to be shown and treated with respect.

Finally, if you have any questions, queries or concerns about your child please do send an email to the class email address, eeagles@tacolneston.norfolk.sch.uk which will be checked once a day. Unfortunately, we are unable to engage in conversations before or after school but please do contact the office through an email or a phone call if there is an urgent matter.

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Thank you
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