



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



We hope you all had a lovely, relaxing Summer break and are looking forward to getting back into a more 'normal' routine.

Miss Grant will be teaching you on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and Mrs Beck will be teaching you on Thursday and Fridays.

Our class TA this year is Mrs Bird and our LSA is Mrs Jones.

In Maths this term we are focussing on: place value, addition and subtraction and multiplication and division. 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: Beowulf and narrative writing, letter writing to persuade. Poetry - prepare poetry to perform. Reading and spelling.

Forest School - Eagles will be taking part in Forest School sessions on Wednesday's with Mr East from Morley (start date TBC), please can children come in warm clothes for this, along with suitable waterproof gear - as they will be outside whatever the weather. Waterproof clothing can be left at school.

This term we will be learning.....

<i>Topic</i>	Anglo Saxons and Vikings. Settlements.
<i>Science</i>	Animals including humans.
<i>DT / Art</i>	Designing and making an Anglo-Saxon brooch, a house or building to go in our own Anglo-Saxon settlement, using pen and ink to draw a Viking Longship and making a Viking Longship. We will also be looking closely at Anglo-Saxon and Viking artefacts and recording them using a range of different materials. Cooking some Anglo-Saxon honey shortbread.
<i>Music</i>	Creating rhythmic patterns and composing a chant for going into battle. Listening to and appraising music from different countries.
<i>RE</i>	How does belief influence people's response to poverty and those that are vulnerable?
<i>Computing</i>	Internet Safety. Coding using Scratch. Multimedia presentations
<i>PE</i>	OAA and basketball.
<i>French</i>	Greetings and introducing ourselves. Learning the names of family members and describing ourselves.
<i>Trips</i>	We are hoping to visit the Anglo-Saxon village at West Stow.

For this term, Eagles will have a PE session on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We will be continuing to ask children to come to school on these days ready to take part in their PE lesson. Please ensure that they have kit suitable for outside (black shorts or tracksuit bottoms, house coloured t-shirt and a jumper). Children will be able to wear tracksuits for indoor PE if we do have to move into the hall.

Art aprons are required to protect the children's clothing during art and design activities - these can be left in school.

Children will only be required to bring their book bag (a book bag or plastic carrier bag, no rucksacks please) to school on Mondays, unless they need to change their reading book on any other day of the week.

All reading books will be changed on Mondays and each child will keep a reading book in their tray to read whilst in school. We will also be checking reading records on Mondays. We will not be checking reading records or home school books on a daily basis and will make notes of when they have read in school on our records which we keep. If we need to get a message to you, we will email you or if it is urgent, telephone you. Equally, if you need to pass on any information to us, please do so in the form of an email to the class email address or the school office email or if it is an urgent message, please telephone the school.

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. They will be focussing on these spellings within their handwriting activities and within independent learning time.

Reading: This term the children will have the opportunity to change their reading books on **Mondays only**. 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. Please make a note in their reading record book which should come in to school every Monday. Following on from the success last year, there will also be a reading challenge which the children are encouraged to take part in - further details to follow in the next few weeks.

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.

Written homework: This year all homework will be set in homework books, which need to be kept in their book bags. Children will be given approximately two weeks to complete each task that is set.

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.

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.

Knowledge Organisers

Over the course of the next few weeks, 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 Friendship 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 friendship with your child and take the time to talk about them.

If your child is self-isolating due to Covid please contact the school and once we have been made aware we will publish work for them on google classroom. Your child's login details from last academic year will remain the same.

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 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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