



What's happening in the Eagles Class in the Spring Term 2022?



We hope you all had a lovely Easter break and are looking forward to the final term of this academic year.

We have lots of lovely activities lined up for Eagles this term, including a visit to Norwich Castle as part of our topic about Romans and the Year 4 Residential Trip in July.

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.

Our value for life this term is: PEACE and we will be reflecting on this during our daily Collective Worship and as part of our daily school life, so please embrace any opportunities of PEACE with your child and take the time to talk about them.

In Maths this term we are focussing on:

Year 3 - Length and perimeter, mass and capacity, time and shape.

Year 4 - Decimals, money, time, angles, shape.

We will continue our work on our speed of recall of the times tables and have regular maths meets where we focus on our arithmetic skills and reasoning skills. We also use Propellor Boards throughout the week.

In English this term we are focussing on: Using the features of the genre to write our own narrative using the myth of Romulus and Remus. Creating a newspaper report on key events of the Roman Empire, adding quotes and developing formal language skills. We will be planning, drafting, evaluating and editing our writing.

This term we will be learning.....

Topic	CREATE -The Romans
Science	Light and Sound
DT / Art	Roman Mosaics - designing and creating our own Roman mosaic tiles using a variety of different materials. Cooking a variety of Roman dishes. Designing and making a trebuchet using wood Designing and making a Roman shield
Music	Whole Class Ensemble Teaching All pupils will be learning to play the Ocarina this term. For some it will be an opportunity to begin learning to play the instrument, whilst for others we will be learning new notes and developing our repertoire. All pupils will continue to improve their knowledge of music notation using the score. We will also be listening to a range of music, comparing and contrasting a range of Marches by different composers and learning to sing some songs about the Romans.
RE	How could the belief in Creation influence Christian life? How do Muslims talk about God?
Computing	Kodu programming, Multimedia, Handling data and e-Safety.
PE	Completion of our work on Ultimate Frisbee. Strike and Field games. Athletics.
French	Leisure activities, telling the time. Countries

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 a kit suitable for outside (black shorts or tracksuit bottoms, house coloured t-shirt and a jumper).

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

Children will be expected to have their Reading Records in school with them everyday, but they will be checked by a member of staff on a Monday.

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. Please encourage your child to use the spellingframe website to practise these at home as well.

Reading: 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. Please make a note in their reading record book which should come into school every day. Remember our 'Reading Challenge' is continuing, so keep up the great work with this.

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 and Maths 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 comprehension, piece of writing or Maths activity, 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.

TTRS and Mymaths: 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.

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, eagles@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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