



Eagles' Class Newsletter Summer Term 2017

<p>English</p>  	<p>Our Literacy work this term will be centred on our Science and Geography. We will be writing science fiction stories, poetry, descriptive writing and non-fiction writing such as instructions, biographies and explanations. We shall be looking at 2 pieces of fiction- 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes and 'Aquila' by Andrew Norriss.</p> <p>Throughout the term we will be ensuring that our handwriting is fluent, legible, joined and that presentation is neat. We will also be focusing on ensuring that our spelling is accurate; using a dictionary to check words we are unsure of in all our writing. We will also work towards mastering all the punctuation marks and sentence structures we have learnt about so we can confidently and consistently use these in our everyday writing. We will also continue looking at different styles of reading texts and analyse them using inference.</p>
<p>Maths</p> 	<p>This term we will be aiming to master the mathematical skills we have been learning throughout year 5. We will be ensuring that all pupils are confident in their key skills such as dividing, multiplying, adding and subtracting and that they can also accurately convert between all measures, estimate volume, work on area and perimeter, accurately draw angles and consolidate their knowledge of decimals and percentages. We will continue to apply our calculation skills to solve problems.</p>
<p>Science</p>  	<p>This first half term we will be looking at Space and the Solar System. We will be contemplating the movement of the Earth and other planets relative to the sun within the solar system; investigating the way that ideas about the solar system have developed; we will then investigate the movement of the moon in relation to the Earth, try to explain the relative sizes of these spherical bodies and investigate why we experience night and day. Finally, we will try to explain the apparent movement of the sun across the sky. The second half term will focus on investigating living things. We will be discovering the different lifecycles of various plants and animals and will be explaining how creatures are classified. We will be linking our Science and Geography work by investigating the types of plants and animals found in different areas of the world and will ask questions as to how and why their lifecycles adapt to fit their environment. Towards the end of the term our Science and PSHE topics will link and we will be thinking about how we change from birth to old age.</p>
<p>Geography and History</p> 	<p>Our Geography topic this term is focusing on how our planet is changing and the diversity there is. We shall be looking at biomes and climate zones and in particular we will focus on how climate change and human actions are changing our world. We will be discussing the impact of these changes and will produce some argumentative writing based on these issues.</p>
<p>Computing</p> 	<p>We will be developing our programming skills, using scratch to create our own games. As well as this we will continue to discuss how to keep ourselves safe online; recognising acceptable /unacceptable behaviour and identify ways to report concerns.</p>

<p>Art & Design Technology</p> 	<p>Our art for the first half term will link with our space theme and we will be using pastels and paint to create space pictures, looking at the artist Peter Thorpe, who paints abstract backgrounds to create his Space themed compositions. The class will produce art alongside our book studies. We will also do an artist study this term and look at Van Gogh's 'Starry Night' and recreate our own version.</p> <p>We will be looking at food within DT; evaluating, designing and promoting healthy smoothies as well as designing and making a craft for our 'eggonaut'.</p>
<p>Music</p> 	<p>This term we will be focusing on Rap and hip hop music and linking that with our poetry work. We will also be listening and appraising space music during our science topic with such pieces as Gustav Holst's 'Planets' and 'War of the Worlds' by Jeff Wayne. Linking with the Iron Man we will compose our own celestially inspired space music using notation. In addition to this we will be learning and performing the music for our Upper KS2 production.</p>
<p>PSHE</p> 	<p>Our PHSE theme for the 1st half term will be on financial capability where the children will gain an understanding of earnings, how choices made about money have an impact, look at debt and poverty and gain an insight into budgets.</p> <p>During the second half term our unit will be 'Sex and Relationships'. We will look at what happens to our bodies in puberty, the appropriate use of names for the sexual parts of our body; how we can keep our bodies clean and begin to understand body image.</p>
<p>Physical Education</p> 	<p>This term our dance will be based on the theme of 'The Beach', using movement to depict the scene. During the first half term we will be swimming at the Ivo Pool. We will also be looking at athletics activities within the Heptathlon; sprint, throwing and jumping. We will also have the opportunity of some cricket coaching this term from Hunts County Cricket. Our Play leading work continues, as well as our work with the Active Schools pilot project.</p>
<p>Religious Education</p> 	<p>This term we will be looking at the question 'Is religion what you say or do?'. We shall explore what makes a person a good follower of their religion, answering questions such as; 'Do you need to go to Church to be a good Christian?', 'Can modern Sikh men cut their hair and still be devout?' and 'Why are Bar/Bat Mitzvahs important to Jews?'</p>
<p>MFL</p> 	<p>This term we will be continuing our work with Felix und Franzi and look at body parts, birthdays and numbers and asking and answering questions about ourselves. We shall also look at the book 'Die Kleine Raupe Nimmersat'</p>
<p>Other Information</p>	<p>This promises to be a busy term with lots going on. The Year 5/6 production on June 27/28th, is a date to put in your diary. Our Sports Day is scheduled for 7th July. The children need to continue with reading at home, learning their spellings and completing their mathematics on time.</p>

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

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