



## Eagles' Class Newsletter Autumn Term 2018

<p><b>English</b></p>  <p>The image shows two book covers. The top one is 'Cosmic' by David Almond, featuring a silhouette of a person against a starry background. The bottom one is 'Aquila' by David Almond, featuring a red and white eagle flying over a globe.</p>	<p>Our Literacy work this term will be centred on our Science topic of space. We will be writing science fiction stories, poetry, descriptive writing and non-fiction writing such as instructions, biographies, newspaper articles and explanations.</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><b>Maths</b></p>  <p>A colorful illustration featuring numbers (1-9), mathematical symbols like plus, minus, multiplication, and division, and a cartoon character holding a pencil.</p>	<p>Each day the children will take part in a daily Mathematics session. During and after each session the children's understanding will be assessed in order to ensure that they are appropriately supported or extended in their learning. We will be focusing on ensuring that the children are fluent and confident in their addition, subtraction, multiplication and division skills and that they can apply this knowledge to accurately solve problems and undertake investigations.</p>
<p><b>Science</b></p>  <p>Two illustrations: the top one shows the planet Saturn with its rings, and the bottom one shows a cartoon character watering a potted plant.</p>	<p>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. We will also be studying Sound, looking at patterns in pitch and the relationship between volume and strength of vibrations.</p>
<p><b>Geography and History</b></p>  <p>A logo with the number '100' in a bold, black font, with a silhouette of a person standing inside the zero.</p>	<p>We shall be commemorating the anniversary of the end of World War 1 in class and looking at significant events and producing written work based on this. We shall also look at the history of the space race during our work on the Solar system.</p>
<p><b>Computing</b></p>  <p>The Scratch logo, featuring a yellow cat character and the text 'Scratch' in a stylized font.</p>	<p>We will be developing our programming skills, using Scratch and Code 2 to create our own games. We will also continue to discuss how to keep ourselves safe online; recognising acceptable/unacceptable online behaviour and identify ways to report concerns.</p>

<p><b>Art &amp; Design Technology</b></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 all things space within DT; designing and making a craft for our 'eggonaut' and evaluating its effectiveness.</p>
<p><b>Music</b></p> 	<p>This term we will be looking at rock music and the song, 'Don't stop believin' by Journey. We will learn how to accompany it with instruments. 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 our space topic we will compose our own celestially inspired space music using notation.</p>
<p><b>PSHE</b></p> 	<p>Our PSHE work this term is linked to Beginning and Belonging, where we look at being part of a team, exploring a range of new situations they may find themselves in and emotions they may experience. Another area we are going to be looking at is growth mindset and how we can use this within our school life.</p>
<p><b>Physical Education</b></p>	<p>This term during our outside PE sessions we will be developing our football skills building up to playing small matches. We will also start training to become play leaders and learning how to lead sports mornings. During our inside PE sessions we will continue to work on our gymnastic skills using both the small and large apparatus, developing sequences and fine tuning movements.</p>
<p><b>Religious Education</b></p> 	<p>This term we will be looking at the stories in the Gospels, stories of Guru Nanak and Islamic stories. We shall try to understand what they tell us about Jesus and the other faiths and what messages they have.</p>
<p><b>MFL</b></p> 	<p>We will be continuing our work with Felix und Franzi. We shall be revising some areas and also start to look at how we speak on the phone and conduct a conversation, days of the week, how we write the date, family members and activities and hobbies.</p>
<p><b>Other Information</b></p>	<p>If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.</p> <p><i>Mrs Tina Culpin</i></p>