



Eagles Class
Miss Cropley
Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6
Spring Term 2023/24



Term dates

Spring 1 - Wednesday 3 January 2024 to Friday 9 February 2024
Spring 2 - Monday 19 February 2024 to Thursday 28 March 2024

English

We will start this term by completing an author study on Michael Morpurgo. During this unit, we will look at several books written by this well-known author, taking inspiration from his writing techniques. Then, we will turn our focus to writing informal letters. This will link to our afternoon lessons, particularly our history lessons. After this, we will be moving onto persuasive writing, where we will use modal verbs and other techniques to persuade our reader on our point of view. Finally, we will close the term by looking at how to write a balanced argument. In this unit, we will be able to showcase our verbal oracy skills and there will be lots of opportunities for discussion.

We will continue to use Nelson spelling, which was introduced last year, to promote good spelling and phonetic knowledge. Spelling tests will be given when children come to the end of a unit and children will be given new spellings to learn at home, these will typically come out on a Monday with tests being on a Thursday. It is vital that these are being practised at home regularly.

In addition, reading for pleasure is essential for all children. Please continue to support and encourage reading at home, as well as at school. Reading should be recorded in record books daily and books should be being brought into school every day to be checked by myself and Mr Cutts.

Children can also choose books from our library to read at home. These can be fiction or non-fiction, for reading independently (if free readers at school), just because they look exciting and interesting and for sharing with an adult at home. These can be returned and swapped as soon as they are finished. Children are encouraged to complete book reviews in school or at home when they finish a book. Book reviews support others in their choice of books and go towards the reviewers 'points' towards the 'Blast off for reading' initiative.

Maths

In Maths we will be building on our fluency, reasoning and problem-solving skills as well as focusing on multiplication knowledge to prepare children for the multiplication check in the Summer term. Please see upcoming Friday catchups and letters home for more information on strategies to support your child in learning their multiplication facts, and weekly times tables rhymes, which support children in remembering trickier facts. Please remember to keep practicing times tables on TTRS, login details have been given to children and can be found in the front of their homework books, please ask if you need another copy. Furthermore, weekly TTRS competitions have been set up for the children to compete against each other, with certificates being given out in assembly for the 3 top scoring competitors. The children have also been working hard on their weekly times tables tests in schools and to improve their TTRS status

Homework

- Maths and English - sent home weekly on Friday and is due back the following Thursday.
- TTRS daily (see Maths section for more information)
- Reading daily (see English section for more information)
- Spelling sent home weekly for regular practice (see English section for more information)

Science

This term we will be studying electricity. We will look at creating electrical circuits and how to scientifically record these as diagrams in our work. We will build on our knowledge of electrical conductors and insulators. We will also look at how voltage may affect electrical components. Crucially our learning will also link to the importance of renewable energy.

History

Our focus in History this term is on the Roman Legacy. Children will have an opportunity to discuss important issues of the past, comparing and contrasting with the issues of today and how rail has shaped our landscapes, cities and towns. Children will also have the opportunity to go on a trip to see the ruins of a Roman town.

Geography

Our Geography topic in the Spring Term focuses on a study of a European country - Italy. We will contrast and compare the region with the UK.

PE

PE will be on Thursdays this term and is taught by Mr Barron. At times this may be outdoors so please make sure your child has appropriate clothing. In addition, Years 4 and 5 will be going swimming on Mondays.

Art & DT

In the Spring term, we will be looking at creating mosaics in a variety of different materials, with our end product aiming to be a piece of art work that can withstand the elements and be displayed outside. The children will use a variety of tools and materials to create their mosaics.

RE and PSHE

Miss Mozejko will also be coming into Eagles this term on Friday afternoons to teach RE. The focuses for this term are the religions Hinduism and Islam. We will look at how Hindus reflect their faith in the way they live and What the Qur'an teach Muslims about how they should treat others.

In PSHE we will be looking at internet safety.

German

Mrs Simpson will continue to be in on Thursday afternoons to teach German.

Music

Karl will continue to come into Eagles on a Friday afternoon to teach music.