



Eagles Class
Miss Cropley
Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6
Spring Term 2022



Term dates

Spring 1-

Wednesday 4 January 2023 to Friday 10 February 2023

Spring 2-

Monday 20 February 2023 to Friday 31 March 2023

English

We will start this term by further developing our persuasive writing skills as we aim to write and perform persuasive speeches. Then we will turn our minds to narrative writing, where we are focusing on character development as well as conducting an author study on popular author Anthony Brown to inspire us. We will then be writing diaries, inspired by our class book this term, 'Anglo Saxon boy' by Tony Bradman.

We will continue to use Read, Write Inc. spelling. Spelling tests will be when children come to the end of a unit. Children will be given new spellings at the start of each new unit.

Reading for pleasure is vital for all children. Please continue to support and encourage reading at home as well as at school, reading regularly to adults and being read to is still important in KS2. Reading should be recorded in record books daily. RWI books should be returned and changed twice a week once they have been read with adults. Free readers choose their own books from school, or may read their own books from home, but please record these in reading records.

Children can also choose books from our new library to read at home. These can 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. In addition, this term the children will have chance to take part in an enterprise project where they will design, make and sell their own products for the Spring fair from a given budget. Please remember to keep practicing times tables on TT Rockstars, 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. This is a vital skill that underpins the majority of learning in maths and is taught daily in school in preparation for the Year 4 multiplication check.

Homework

Homework will be sent home weekly on Thursday's and is due back the following Wednesday. Spellings may be sent on different days as it will be linked with spelling lessons. Children should also be using TT Rockstars and reading daily.

Science

This term our focus of study is 'Forces'. We will expand our knowledge of push and pull forces to include gravity, upthrust, air resistance, water resistance and friction. We will learn how these forces affect us in our every day lives and how engineers build to combat or utilise these forces.

History

Our focus area of study for historical enquiry around the Norman conquest, including the battle of Hastings in 1066. Children will have an opportunity to learn about castles, the life of a knight and how William the Conqueror came into power.

Geography

Our Geography topic in Spring 2 focuses on France. We will be studying both human and physical geography, comparing ancient and modern-day features and comparing the country to our own.

PE

PE will be on Tuesdays this term. It will be outdoors whenever possible so please ensure children are dressed appropriately for the weather that day: warm clothing (not hooded tops please) or hats and sun cream.

DT

In Spring 2 we will be using our knowledge of forces (including levers and pulleys) as well as our knowledge of castles to create mechanical systems.

Art

In Art we will be developing our sketching skills. We will begin by looking at tone and shading and expand our knowledge of shading past using a pencil. We will look at how to create dark to light tones using pens, oil pastels, charcoal and various other forms of media. We will then explore how artists use different textures and colours of paper in their work. Inspired by the Bayeux Tapestry, we will recreate a multimedia scene using various sketching tools and papers.

RE and PSHE

Miss Mozejko will also be coming into Eagles this term on Friday afternoons to teach RE. The focus for RE is on pilgrimages. In PSHE we will look at how our bodies and emotions begin to change as we grow up.

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.