



Eagles Class
Miss Cropley
Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6
Autumn Term 2023



Term dates

Autumn 1 - Wednesday 6th September 2023 to Friday 20th October 2023
Autumn 2 - Tuesday 31st October 2023 to Wednesday 20th December

English

We will start this term by beginning to build on knowledge from previous years while looking at historical flashbacks in narrative writing. This will link to our afternoon lessons, particularly history. Then we will turn our minds to another form of narrative writing, where we will be writing diary recounts, again linking to our history. This will focus on producing a diary entry as a child in the industrial revolution. After this, will be moving onto non-fiction writing, where we will be writing a biography. Children will have the opportunity to learn about influential people in our past alongside this topic and how to convey information in a concise manner. To finish the term, we will be writing an explanation text to go alongside our biography, looking at a piece of equipment from the industrial revolution.

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 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 new 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 will be 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.

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 two units: Evolution and Inheritance & Properties of Materials. Within the first unit we will expand our knowledge to recognise animals have evolved and adapted over thousands of years. Then we will focus on the different properties of materials including solubility, and separating materials using various methods.

History

Our focus in History this term is on the Industrial Revolution, particularly focusing on how Railways developed and peoples' attitudes towards it. 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.

Geography

Our Geography topic in the Autumn term focuses on a local study of the area and how our local surroundings have grown, developed, and changed.

PE

PE will be on Thursdays this term and is taught by Mr Barron. It will be outdoors whenever possible so please ensure children are dressed appropriately for the weather that day, including hats and sun cream. In addition, Years 4 and 5 will be going swimming on Mondays.

DT

Towards the end of the first Autumn term, we will be looking at work by Isambard Kingdom Brunel and using this to inspire our own creations. Isambard's work was essential to the development of the railways in Britain. His most famous achievement was his pioneering work in the design and construction of the Thames Tunnel. In this unit we will be looking at selecting appropriate materials (as well as strengthening them) to construct bridges and tunnels for our own self-constructed, battery-powered train to run across.

Art

In Art, we will be focusing on using colour for emotion, with a focus on the Great Western Railway (linking to history) and the artist Turner. Within this unit we will look at many different mediums but focus on the use of watercolour paints.

RE and PSHE

Miss Mozejko will also be coming into Eagles this term on Friday afternoons to teach RE. The focus for RE is 'do you have to believe in God to be good?' This unit explores what impact religion has on people's lives, regardless of whether they can prove their beliefs to be true or not, as well as issues of social justice. In PSHE we will be looking at Human rights and how, unfortunately, these are sometimes broken. We will explore why this might be and that everyone, regardless of race, sexuality, culture etc is entitled to their human rights.

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.