

Autumn Term Newsletter 2024

Year 5&6 Golden Eagle Class

Welcome back! We hope that you have all had a really lovely Summer holiday and the children have all had lots of fun and also the opportunity to relax! We are really looking forward to the new year and can't wait to begin all of the new, wonderful topics of learning!

Literacy

In Writing, we will continue to use high quality texts to influence our work. In Autumn 1 we will be writing explanation texts linked to the Mars Rover: Curiosity. We will then look at writing our own narratives based around Beowulf. In Autumn 2 we will be writing a narrative based around the book Hugo Cabaret before enjoying a whole school writing opportunity in the lead up to Christmas inspired by The Polar Express.

Maths

In maths this term, we will be exploring the number system and the ways we can represent numbers. We will be looking at negative numbers and decimals and investigating rounding.

We will be revisiting efficient written methods of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and using these to solve multi step problems. We will also be learning how to solve simple ratio and proportion problems and use this information to interpret different information given.

Reading

In Reading this term we will be reading 'Letters from the Lighthouse' by Emma Carroll. The children will be using this book to consolidate their understanding of our learning of WW2. We will be studying the characters and plotline in depth and use our VIPERS skills to discuss the book.

V = Vocab, I = Inference, P = Predict, E= Explain, R = Retrieval, S = Summarise

Children will continue to earn merits and rewards for reading. Every Friday they will have the chance to appear on our reading board.

Bronze = 3 reads per week

Silver = 4 reads per week

Gold = 5 reads per week

Platinum = 7 reads per week

The children are expected to sign their reading record each night when they read and hand it in each morning.

Science

In Science this term we will be learning all about materials in Autumn 1. The children will be looking at how materials can be grouped and classified as well as how they can be changed from one state of matter to another and the products produced. In Autumn 2 we will be exploring Earth and Space. The children will be naming planets and looking at their position in the Solar System as well as the reasons for night, day and seasons.

Music

In our music lessons this half term we will be focusing on WW2 as our first unit, looking at WW2 songs and composing our own. In Autumn 2 we will be completing a unit on Vikings to explore pulse, rhythm and notation through performance, improvisation and composition

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Religious Education

Our focus for Autumn term 1 will be 'What does it mean for a Jewish person to follow God?' in which the children will be looking into how Jewish people live and their beliefs. We will be looking at how Jewish people put their beliefs into practice in different ways. In the second half of term we will be studying 'How can following God bring freedom and justice?'. Within this unit we will be studying the concepts of freedom and salvation as well as studying texts from the Bible and discussing how these help to guide people in life.

History

This unit will fully explain how World War Two began and give the children a more comprehensive understanding of how empire and rebellion influenced Hitler and his plan to dominate Europe. The children will explore the significance of the Battle of Britain and, complete a local study, looking at various sources from different areas in the Midlands region. They will then compare the inner cities with Shropshire and explore how Britain gained victory in World War Two.

As part of our studies we will be looking at the effect of the Blitz as well as studying the different roles of men and women within WW2. We will look at evacuation for the children in Britain as well as study the use of the Kindertransport and why this was used. The children will also study how Corby was affected by WW2 and how the steel works played such an important role in the war effort.

PE

This term our PE days are Monday and Friday and so the children will need to ensure they have the correct equipment in school on these days. Our units of work for Autumn term 1 are Rounders and Hockey and for Autumn term 2 we will be studying Outdoor and Adventurous Activities and Volleyball.

Art

Children will explore different styles of drawing to develop an understanding of their own style. They will develop their vocabulary to be able to describe the style of art. They will learn specific skills and techniques so that they can confidently use shape and value to create form in their drawings.

DT

In DT this term we are going to be designing and making a felt phone case. The children will be considering different sewing techniques and how to make their work aesthetically pleasing.

Computing

Our computing lessons this term will focus around designing different apps and then focusing on how to use technology for data handling.

PSHE

Our PSHE lessons this term are focusing around relationships and how we can value the differences we all have.