

Spring Term Newsletter 2025

Year 5&6 - Golden Eagle Class

Welcome back and Happy New Year!! We hope that you have all had a really lovely Christmas holiday and the children have all had lots of fun and also the opportunity to relax and spend time with family. We are really looking forward to the New Year and can't wait to begin all of the new, wonderful topics of learning!

Literacy

Our Literacy units this term will focus upon a range of skills. We will continue to use high quality texts to inspire and motivate the children with their work. Our main writing outcomes will be persuasive pitches, discussion texts, gothic narratives and sequels to a book we will be reading. Throughout our units we will continue to build upon and consolidate the children's understanding of SPAG.

Maths

In maths this term, we will be continuing our work on fractions and thinking about how to multiply and divide them.

We will then move onto decimals and percentages work. The children will be learning equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages before learning how to find % of amounts.

It is really important that the children continue to practise their times tables to ensure that they can be as successful as possible this term and in the lead up to Sats.

Science

In Science this half term we will be learning about Evolution and looking at how living things have changed over time. We will be looking at offspring and characteristics which may be passed on as well as how different animals are suited to their environment. After half term we will be looking at reproduction and looking at the life cycles of animals and plants as well as how some reproduce.

Music

In the first half term we will be focusing upon 'Planets' and during the second half term 'Rock and Roll' within our music lessons.

Reading

In Reading this term we will be reading 'Call of the Titanic' by Lindsay Galvin. We will be studying the characters, plotlines and story events 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 Thursday 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.

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Religious Education

Our focus for Spring Term 1 is 'How do religions help people through good times and bad?' During this unit we will question and explore how religion helps to guide people through good and bad times as well as explore different religions beliefs about life and death as well as the role of incarnation in different religions. **If you have any questions regarding the content within this unit, please speak to Mrs Findlay.** The children will consider how religion helps people respond to challenges. In Spring Term 2 we will discover 'Why Pilgrimage is important to some religious believers?' The children will think about the beliefs behind pilgrimage in different religions and the stories that lie behind sites of pilgrimage.

History

In this unit of work, we will be Crime and Punishment. The children will build on their historical disciplinary concepts, how crime and punishment has changed over time in Britain. They will explore what was seen as crime over time and the different gruesome punishments that were handed out to criminals. The children will find out about the development of the police force from the Victorian period right through to the new millennium.

PE

This term our PE days are Wednesdays and Fridays and so the children will need to ensure they have the correct equipment in school on these days. Our units of work for Spring Term 1 are Dance and Gymnastics and in Spring Term 2 are Tennis and Fitness.

Art

In Art this term we are going to be studying chromatic artwork looking at how realistic portraits need to be through the use of different colour techniques.

Design Technology

In DT this term we are going to be creating a structural marble run. Our focus will be upon how to make them strong and stable and how to join materials together.

Computing

Our computing lessons this term will focus around text based programming and the use of physical devices in technology. After half term, we will use different programmes to create music.

PSHE

Our PSHE lessons this term are focusing around how we can keep ourselves safe as well as understanding our different rights and responsibilities.