



## **Year 5 & Year 6, Golden Eagle Class**

### **Autumn Term 2021**

Welcome back after the Summer break. I hope everyone had a lovely rest and had lots of fun.

Literacy - In Literacy, we will be exploring the aim of writing to inform people. During the first half term the children will be writing non-chronological reports about life in Ancient Egypt. We will also be writing instruction texts based upon the writing stimulus video called 'Red Miss Take'. After half term, the children will be studying Romeo and Juliet and be producing diary entries based upon the characters and plotline studied. Our poetry unit will be based around emotive poetry with our stimulus coming from WW2 poetry and also 'Black Lives Matters' documents and stimulus.

During all units of writing, the children will explore the different features of the texts and study the grammatical and presentational features associated with each text type. We will develop our understanding and wealth of vocabulary available to us to create different atmospheres in text.

Reading - Children will continue to earn merit points for reading at home. Five reads = 1 merit! Reading comprehension will also be set every other week as homework. It is so important that children read aloud to an adult regularly but also that they discuss their reading. Asking your children to describe a character to you, retell the events of the story or write a review of a book can all deepen their understanding of the book. It is also important for children to develop the ability to scan a text for information at a greater speed and regular reading supports this.

We will be having daily reading lessons in school. These will focus on comprehension activities and book discussion based around the VIPERS skills which we use within school. This half term, we will be reading Kensuke's Kingdom. We will be focussing on how a character is developed through a story, how different themes are used and discussed by an author. The children will be annotating copies of the text and using extracts to support their ideas and answers. After half term the children will be studying Romeo and Juliet.

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 explore fractions and how they connect to decimals including equivalences and we will be solving word problems that use all of these skills.

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 calculations with fractions including multiplying and dividing fractions. We will explore algebra and using formula to represent calculations.

We will also be continuing with weekly arithmetic and reasoning lessons so as to build the children's confidence and fluency within these areas.

Science - In Science, we will be learning about electricity. We will be building circuits and investigating the different electrical components and how they work. We will be learning the correct symbols to draw our own circuit diagrams and designing and making our own switches. We will be asking our own questions and planning our own investigations. We will also be investigating forces including gravity and air resistance, water resistance and how these forces affect movement.

PE - Our PE sessions will be on a Wednesday and Thursday morning. We will be practicing our skills in Football and Handball during term 1. After half term, we will be enjoying learning the new skill of Badminton and using our Outdoor and Adventurous Activities.

RE- Our focus for this term will be our Understanding Christianity units. We will be thinking about 'What kind of King is Jesus?' and making connections between belief in the Kingdom of God and how Christians put this belief into practice. We will also look at 'Was Jesus the Messiah?' and explain the place of Incarnation and the Messiah in the Bible and show how Christians put their beliefs about Jesus' incarnation into practice in different ways in celebrating Christmas.

PSHE- This term we will be thinking about 'Beginnings and Belongings' and generating the ground rules for our class, thinking about how to build positive relationships and how to cope with different and new situations. After half term we will be looking at 'Family and Friends' and thinking about the networks of special people we have in our lives and consider the value of diversity within our friendships. We will also look at 'Anti-Bullying' and explore and apply definitions of bullying to different situations and contexts and consider the feelings and emotions related to bullying - both long and short term.

Art - In our art sessions we will using different drawing techniques and resources for effect. Our art sessions will be linked to our work on Ancient Egypt and the children will be linking this to work on Man Ray and David Hockney. During our unit, the children will be studying the way in which Ancient Egyptian faces were drawn and link this to work on death masks. We will also study hieroglyphics and look at making cartouches.

Computing- In Computing we are going to be studying how to create 'virtual reality' worlds to explore during the first half term. During Autumn term 2 we will be looking at web design and designing our own websites.

Geography- In Autumn term 2 we are going to be focusing on how we can reduce our carbon footprint. The children will investigate what a carbon footprint is and why it is so important to try and reduce our amount of carbon waste. We will look at the holiday business as well as the journey of our school uniforms to track their carbon footprints. We will make links to global warming and recent news events.

History - In Autumn term 1 we will be focusing on Ancient Egypt. The children will spend time thinking about when the Ancient Egyptians ruled and the different pharaohs who were in power. We will spend time looking at what else was happening in the world at the same time and also compare Ancient Egypt to other ancient civilisations. The children will look at the building of the pyramids, the role of the River Nile and who Cleopatra was.

Design and Technology - Our DT unit in Autumn term 2 is called 'Come Dine With Me'. During this unit the children will research and design a healthy 3 course meal to make for another group to test.

Spellings - Each child will have weekly spelling lists to learn. Please help your child by learning these spellings and looking at other words with the same letter patterns. Spellings will be tested on Fridays.

Homework - Children will be set a piece Reading or SPAG homework weekly. They will be set a piece of Maths homework weekly. All homework is set on a Wednesday and is expected to be handed in by the following Monday. In addition to this, children will be tested weekly on quick recall of times tables facts and spellings. Please support us by helping your child to practise these at home.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Findlay