

Autumn Term Newsletter 2025

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 this term we will be using a range of texts to inspire our writing. In Autumn term 1 we will be using the books 'The man who walked between the towers' and 'The Lost Thing' to inspire us. We will explore a range of text types with our final writing pieces being biographies and own versions of narratives. In Autumn term 2 we will be using the book 'Hidden Figures' to write non-chronological reports and then using 'The Snowman' as a whole school text to write some exciting texts in the lead up to Christmas.

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 'The man who walked between two towers' by Mordcai Gerstein and 'Seven Ghosts' by Chris Priestley.. 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 Electricity, Forces and Magnets. The children will be looking at how circuits work and how we can control the brightness of the lamps. We will look at the components of circuits and think about how to represent them in circuit diagrams. We will look at and investigate the force of gravity and discuss air and water resistance and how friction acts between two surfaces. We will look at the effect of levers, pulleys and gears.

Music

In our music lessons this half term we will be focusing on songs linked to Electricity and the Arctic. We will think about time signatures, identifying instruments played and different ways of performing music.

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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.

History

In History during Autumn term 1 we will be studying the Ancient Mayans. The first lessons explore who the Maya people were, when and where in the world they lived and the reasons why they were so successful, particularly in the Classic period. We also discover how we know about the Maya people, their beliefs and the hierarchy system that was in place in society and the important inventions that they made, especially in farming.

Geography

In Autumn term 2 we will complete two units of geography. Firstly we will be looking at Rivers children will learn about the features of a river at each course and the specific features that can form. Using the River Trent as a case study, children will study the features of rivers in context. We will also be thinking about sustainability within our school and how we can reduce our plastic waste within our school.

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 Handball and Outdoor and Adventurous Activities and for Autumn term 2 we will be studying Gymnastics and Yoga.

Art

In Art this term we are going to be exploring portraits and thinking about the mistakes which artists might make when drawing faces and how we can avoid these.

DT

In DT this term we are going to be designing and making a automata animal using mechanisms to develop the children's understanding of mechanical systems.

Computing

Our computing lessons this term will focus around designing virtual reality and web design.

PSHE

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