

Summer Term Newsletter 2026

Golden Eagle Class

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

Literacy

In writing this term we will be looking at a range of units of work based around retelling narratives, persuasive campaigns, explanation texts and a project based around courageous advocacy. The children will be writing from a variety of viewpoints and will be writing in both formal and informal styles. We will be securing our understanding of a range of different SPAG and grammatical terms in preparation for the Y6 Sats this half term.

Maths

In maths this term, we will be exploring many areas of revision. We will begin the term by looking at angles and completing work relating to measuring, drawing and finding missing angles on diagrams. In the lead up to our Sats papers we will ensure to revise the key areas of place value, written methods for calculating, fractions, decimals and percentages.

Year 5 will be consolidating their understanding of position and direction as well as decimal numbers before moving onto shape work in Summer term 2.

Reading

To begin this term, we will be using a range of stand alone comprehension texts during our reading sessions to revise test techniques within reading for the upcoming Sats tests. In both half terms we will be reading 'Holes' by Louis Sachar. 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 finishing off our work on the living body and how all of our body systems work together to keep us healthy. We will think about what blood carries around our body as well as discussing how we can lead healthy lives to keep our bodies working as well as we can. In Summer term 2 we will move our thinking onto classification and how living things are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics and based on similarities and differences, including microorganisms, plants and animals

Music

In Music this term we will welcome NMPAT into school to teach us Samba drumming for 10 weeks! We can't wait to show you what we have learnt in a performance at the end. We will also be doing LOTS of singing in Summer term 2 as we prepare for our end of year production!

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RE

During Summer term 1 we will be exploring 'What does it mean if God is holy and loving?' We will be spending time defining the terms holy and loving and weighing up how biblical ideas and teachings about God as holy and loving might make a difference within the World today. We will be making connections between Bible texts studied and what Christians believe about God. In Summer term 2 we will be thinking about Hinduism and the children will be finding out more about this religion and comparing it to other religions we have studied.

History and Geography

During Summer term 1 we will be finishing our work on Anglo-Saxons and Vikings from last term.

As we move into Summer term 2 we will be studying ecosystems and biomes. In this unit, children will learn about biomes and ecosystems in the UK. They will complete a case study of the New Forest, discovering the diversity of trees, plants and animals found there. Children will then consider the ecosystems in their local area and learn how to use six-figure grid references to find and give locations.

PE In Summer 1 our PE days are Wednesday and Thursday and so the children will need to ensure they have the correct equipment in school on these days. Our units of work for Summer 1 are finishing off of parkour and athletics. We will also be May Day dancing. In Summer 2 we will be studying Cricket on a Monday (being delivered by Chance to Shine Cricket) and swimming on Tuesday morning.

Art

In Art this term will be thinking about food can inspire artists. They will be using clay to make a donut before creating their own food product using clay before painting it.

DT We will thinking about about the importance of buying seasonal food. The first part of the unit provides an opportunity for children to learn where, when and how a variety of ingredients are grown, reared, caught and processed. We will then make our own seasonal meals.

Computing

Our computing lessons this term will focus around using Python to programme and then creating ebooks. We will also continue to recap and look at our e-safety rules.

PSHE

Our PSHE lessons this term are focusing around 'Being my Best' and understanding independence and taking responsibility. We will look at our 'Growing and Changing' units in Summer 2.