

Autumn Term Newsletter 2026

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 our Literacy sessions we will begin the year by focusing on punctuation and grammar. The children will spend time recapping all of the conventions of our SPAG curriculum to build their confidence in these areas to be able to apply to their writing. After half term we will be using the book *Malamander* to base our writing around. The children will be writing a letter as one of the characters as well as completing a setting description.

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 'Boy in the Tower' by Polly Ho-Yen. 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 thinking about Classification and how we can classify animals and plants into broad categories based on specific characteristics. The children will be looking for similarities and differences between a number of living things and using classification keys. The children will also study Electricity in the Autumn term investigating the brightness of lamps depending upon the different components used within a range of circuits. We will use a range of circuit symbols to represent the different components within a circuit.

Music

In our music lessons this half term we will be focusing on Planets as our first unit, looking at classical songs and how they can represent different planets. 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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RE

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 and Geography

In History, 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.

In Geography we will be thinking about how our school can reduce its plastic waste. The children will find out about the different uses of plastics and some of the problems associated with it. We will investigate our plastic usage within school and how we can reduce the plastic waste in our school. The children will present their findings to Mr Jones and Mr Brown!

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

The children will be thinking about what mistakes artists might make when drawing faces and thinking about what tips and tricks they can use to draw different areas of the face more accurately.

DT

In DT this term we will be using our knowledge from our science unit to use electricity to create a spooky, gothic themed models. We will study Gothic architecture and think about how we can incorporate this into our work using knowledge of mechanisms, joining systems and electricity.

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.