

Autumn Term Newsletter 2023

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 looking at four main units of work based around narrative poetry, biographies, non chronological reports and extended blog entries. We will be using the stimulus of the high quality texts 'The man who walked between the two towers' and 'Leila and the blue fox' as well as the work which we will be completing in history to help us to write reports about life during the Mayan times.

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 'Matchbox Diary' by Paul Fleischmans, 'The man who walked between two towers' by Mordicai 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 this unit of work, we will be looking at where the first civilisations appeared. Within this study we will look at the Ancient Sumer, Indus Valley, Ancient Egypt and do an in depth study of the Shang Dynasty. Within our work on the Shang Dynasty we will consider how the dynasty came to power and who the first leaders were. We will consider where they settled and the impact this had on their development, power and growth.

We will compare this to an in depth study on the Mayans after half term in which we will discover where the Mayans lived and what they achieved. We will look at their beliefs and the advances which they made in early writing.

To end our topic we will study what life was like in Britain at the same time and why these civilisations ended.

PE

This term our PE days are Tuesday 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 Football and Handball and for Autumn term 2 we will be studying Outdoor and Adventurous Activities and Yoga.

Art

In Art this term we are going to be exploring portraits and the use of materials to draw them. We will then focus on installation art in the second half term.

DT

In DT this term we are going to be designing and making a steady hand game. This will link to our work on Electricity and the children will design and make a toy with set criteria.

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.