



Year 5 & Year 6, Golden Eagle Class

Autumn Term 2020

Welcome back! It is so lovely to have everyone back in school and we have so many fun and exciting things to learn about.

This autumn our main topics are WW2 in Autumn 1 and Europe: The Alpine Region during Autumn 2.

Literacy – In Literacy, we will be studying historical stories and linking them with writing a mystery, historical story. The children will be looking at remembering their basic punctuation and sentence composition before looking at varying sentence lengths for effect and using descriptive language. We will have an author study within the Autumn Term in which we will be studying books by Neil Gaiman and writing shorts stories within his style of writing.

In the second half of term, we will be focusing on discussion texts which will be linked to the story of Macbeth. We will be studying the features of these non-fiction texts and how we can adapt our writing to this style. The children will also be revisiting traditional tales and rewriting a traditional tale from a different character point of view.

Reading - Children will continue to earn merit points for reading at home as well as being entered into our new school reading challenge. Five reads = 1 merit! Reading comprehension will also be set 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 also be having daily reading lessons in school. These will focus on comprehension activities and book discussion. We will be reading the book 'Letters from the Lighthouse' by Emma Carroll during Autumn term 1 and Macbeth (adapted by Tony Ross) during Autumn term 2.

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.

We will also be continuing with weekly mental maths assessments and times table tests.

Science – In Science, we will be learning about Mixtures. We will be looking at how different mixtures can be separated depending upon their components alongside condensation and evaporation. The children will be exploring reversible and irreversible changes and carrying out many experiments to investigate different variables and the affect they have on how fast reactions take place. In Autumn 2 we will be focusing upon Materials. The children will be looking at how materials can be grouped and classified as well as how they can be changed from one state of matter to another. We will look at how new products are made when changes happen.

PE – Our PE days this term will be Thursday and Friday. We will continue to use the Real PE scheme of work to build the children’s skills alongside our Get Set for PE scheme in which we will be working on our hockey and volleyball skills. Please ensure the children have their PE kits in school on these days.

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.

PSHE- We will continue to use the Cambridge scheme for PSHE. In the first half term we will be studying ‘Rights, Rules and Responsibilities’ and in the second half term we will look at ‘Anti-Bullying’ as well as studying the ‘My Emotions’ unit.

Art – In our art sessions we will be looking at the role of propaganda within WW2. The children will be discussing and studying different propaganda posters and designing and making their own. We will then be making links with Andy Warhol and using the techniques he used within his work to change our propaganda posters.

Computing- This term we will continue to study Internet Safety. In the first term we will be looking at developing online safety guidelines and the second term thinking about being responsible for our online actions. We will continue to follow the Rising Stars units for our computing lessons. Through this scheme, the children will be working collaboratively to develop a website in which they present their own content on the safe and responsible use of the internet. In the second half of term the children will be using art software to develop their computing skills.

History- In this unit of work, we will be exploring WW2. We will be using a range of historical sources to help us to investigate. The children will be looking at the effect of the Blitz as well as studying the different roles of men and women within WW2. We will look at evacuation for the children in Britain as well as study the use of the Kindertransport and why this was

used. The children will also study how Corby was affected by WW2 and how the steel works played such an important role in the war effort.

Design and Technology – During our DT sessions we will be learning about textiles and working with fabrics to design and make an advent calendar in the run up to Christmas.

Spellings - Each child will have a weekly spelling list 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 weekly homework comprising of a combination of Maths, Reading, Spelling/Grammar and Writing either in their homework books or through DB Primary. All homework is set on a Friday and is expected to be handed in by the following Wednesday. 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

Class Teacher