

# Summer Term Newsletter 2024

## 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, discussion texts, explanation texts and news reports. 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 next 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.

We will complete regular arithmetic and reasoning practise throughout our lessons to build the children's skills and confidence further.

### 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. At the end of Summer 1 and into Summer 2 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 consolidating the learning of a range of units the children have covered in their primary school lives. We will start with a themed unit surrounding 'Medical Manoeuvres' in which the children will recap life cycles, materials and their properties, the circulatory system, light and circuits all within the theme of medicine. In Summer two we will look at 'Sensational Science' and will recap: mixtures, space, forces, classification, evolution and scientific disputes over time.

### Music

In our music lessons this term we will be thinking about 'Celebrations' and how music is used in worldwide celebrations such as Chinese New Year, Bhangra dancing, Samba Carnivals and the Irish Reel.

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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 the unit 'Why do some people believe in God and some people not?' We will be thinking about the key terms theist, atheist and agnostic

### Geography

During Summer term 1 we will be learning about the biomes and ecosystems of the UK. We will complete a case study linked to the New Forest looking at the diversity of trees, plants and wildlife found there. We will then plan and carry out a similar case study of an area close to us. We will also carry out a study into plastic waste and how we can reduce the amount we use within our school. In Summer term 2 we will be looking at how to travel and enjoy holidays more sustainably using resources provided by TUI. The children will study a range of issues surrounding different holiday destinations.

PE In Summer 1 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 Summer 1 are May Day dancing and Swimming and for Summer 2 we will be studying Cricket on a Tuesday (being delivered by Chance to Shine Cricket) and athletics.

### Art

In Art this term we are going to be exploring different mixed media artists and producing work in a range of different styles to imitate these.

### DT

In DT this term we are going to be designing and making a three course meal thinking about how to ensure it is healthy and balanced.

### 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.