

Year 3&4 Newsletter

Autumn Term

So that you feel clear about the teaching and learning intentions for the Autumn Term 2016, please enjoy reading this overview. If you have any skills, resources or experiences that you could share with us on this topic, we would love for you to share them with us.

The focus will be Geography and History based learning as the children will become expert Local Historians and Cartographers.

The children will be learning about local history, gaining an understanding of place and the relationship between places locally and nationally. If you or anyone you know of has any photographs, art work, objects of local significance or an interesting story to tell about the village in the past – I would love to hear from you.

In the course of this learning, the children will write reports and persuasive texts about the village. They will learn the science of forces including gravity and magnetism, and electricity. They will study maps to improve the clarity of their understanding of compass directions and grid references.

This theme will provide the children with high quality material for developing skills in English and Mathematics (with a particular focus on distance measures, shape and statistics), Geographical, Scientific and Artistic skills will link with other subjects across the curriculum to create an overarching 'project' theme.

English work will include report and persuasive writing - with Christmas coming up you may have some very compelling lists! We will also include a block of work on narrative and descriptive writing.

Mathematics work will involve number including place value, addition and subtraction methods, developing skills in written multiplication and division. They will develop effective and efficient written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division calculations to help solve word problems. There will be a strong focus on learning multiplication tables and deriving associated division facts. This is something that you can help with to reinforce when out and about, here and there – times tables are a must!

We will be looking to develop new skills and build upon our use of technology and 21st century skills throughout our learning; this will include introducing the writing of some basic code and algorithms to create programs in various applications online and on handheld devices.

In PE, we will be undertaking activities both with our sports provider MSP and myself. The children will be developing ball skills, control, coordination and teamwork through football and dodgeball. We will also be working on development game playing skills, when learning traditional games from around the world.

Mr. M Watson



Update:

- Thank you for continuing to engage with Class Dojo to keep up to date with what is happening in school. Please check the 'Class Story' updates which give a window into the classroom. In addition, the newest feature is 'Pupil Story' which allows children to share photos with only their parents.
- Eagle School has a Twitter account (@EaglePrimary): we are trying to keep it as up to date as possible.



Messages:

- P.E will take place on Wednesday and Friday. Please ensure that your child has a labelled kit in school on these days.
- For PE, can earrings be removed and long hair tied back.
- Homework will be sent out on **Friday** and should be returned on **Wednesday** of the following week.
- Your child will bring home a new Homework book, inside the cover is their MathsWhizz login – please use this resource as often as possible as it is proven to have a positive impact on children's achievement.