

## Curriculum Newsletter Spring 2016 ~ Year 5 & 6

So that you feel clear about the teaching and learning intentions for Spring Term 2016, please enjoy reading this overview. We hope that you find it helpful ...

This term the children will undertake a Geography, History and Art based project on The Italian Renaissance!

Within the Geography aspect they will begin their journey in modern Italy, responding to a display of all things Italian. Inspiration and curiosity will lead a line of enquiry; from Gucci to Ferrari, Panforte to Gelato, The Dolomites to AC Milan- anything will go! This immersion will be supported by the physical geography of the 'Pianura Padana' or Po Valley, where the vegetation belt and economy of this area will be investigated. Mountains and volcanoes will be studied too, alongside human settlement. Historical achievements of this country will help take us back in time.

Art will be an important focus too as we head back to The Renaissance era, with attention given to the work of da Vinci, Donatello, Raphael and Michelangelo whose work in the Sistine Chapel will be explored. Ideas for artwork will come from these great artists, but also from their commission that will be linked to work with The National Gallery in London.

Literacy work will focus on 'Falcon in the Glass' by Susan Fletcher, a non-fiction text that is set in The Renaissance around and in the glassworks on Murano Island, near Venice. Summaries, figurative language and précis will be written to accompany the storyline. A class visit is planned, not to Italy sadly, but a local glass blowing workshop. Inference and deduction will be important skills practised and revised. Computing skills will be integrated through the project and homework tasks.

Science will centre around Materials and their Properties, with emphasis on glass - how it is made, the raw materials and uses. They will examine the properties of everyday materials and their suitability for all purposes. States of matter will be investigated too.

Numeracy will be embedded within the project, with fractions, decimals and percentages worked in. Basic arithmetic skills of number will be taught as discreet sessions.

The children will once again form a company that will specialise in an aspect of The Renaissance on behalf of The National Gallery - look out for more details about an exhibition that will take place.

In RE, they will be taught another multi world faith, with key themes of Buddhism as a starting focus. PSHE will be 'Going for Goals' and linked with this 21st Century skills. A joint event is being planned with our local partnership schools, to foster and develop the soft skills needed for the future work place.

In PE, the children will undertake various activities with MSP and myself, in particular hockey and dance.

In French they will continue to revise their conversational skills.

A busy term indeed ...

Kind regards, Mrs Johnstone

### Update ...

As you know we are now using Class Dojo to help you keep up to date with what is happening in school. Look for the 'Class Story' too to give a window into the classroom

Eagle Primary School now has a Twitter page (@EaglePrimary). We are just starting out on this new venture, so please bear with us while we learn.

There will be information to follow soon about opportunities for you as parents to come into school and share learning with the children - please watch the weekly newsletters.