

Golden Eagles Class Newsletter

Spring Term 2019

Welcome back

I really hope you have had a lovely Christmas and would like to wish you all a belated Happy New Year!

Our theme this term is all about:

Global Citizenship

During this topic we will start by drawing inspiration from "Tar Beach" written by Faith Ringold, then moving onto "Sparky!" written By Jenny Offill. We will then be using a Literacy Shed film to inspire our writing.

Science – Materials

We will discover why some materials are finite resources and why scientists are looking at alternatives to help protect our planet. In the second half of term, we will look at sustainable sources of electricity.

Geography – Maps and Continents

We will learn about the continents and their countries and compare a South American country with our own.

Art and DT- Recycled materials

In art, we will make papier-mâché bowls using recycled materials. In DT, we will look at the sustainability of food and its packaging.

Computing – Websites

We will create our own websites and learn how to use the internet and social media safely and responsibly.

R.E. – Beliefs and Actions

We will learn about the global work of two charities: Christian Aid and Islamic Relief.

Music – The Recycled Orchestra

"The world sends us rubbish, we send back music" - we will discover the amazing story of the Landfillharmonic orchestra in Paraguay. Our composer focus will be Bach.

PSCHE – We will learn about the UN Convention on the Rights of a Child and think about how we can help those children in the world whose rights are not protected.

Times Tables

Next year, 2020, sees the introduction of statutory times table testing for all children Year 4 children in state schools. To prepare our children, our year 4 pupils will be taking part in national trial tests, being rolled out in April this year. Children by the end of Year 4 will be expected to know all of their times tables, from 1 – 12.

Things to remember....

Monday: Homework due
Spelling & times table test

Tuesday: PE kit

Wednesday: Library books changed

Friday: PE kit (second half of term).

*Water bottles to be in school everyday

Ongoing Reading Challenge assessment.

Key Dates:

BAWB Day: Friday 22nd February

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Learning at home....

- Reading each night
- Reading challenges
- Practise spellings and times tables
– short frequent sessions are best!
- Practise Maths Mission Targets

RESPECT Code Ambassador:

Alice Metcalfe

Thank you to Eva for being an outstanding ambassador in the Autumn term, a superb role model for our class. I am sure she will support and guide Alice, if needed, in her role.

Thank you for your continued support we are really looking forward to the new term and the fun and learning it has to offer.