

Inspiring Curriculum Newsletter

Eagles

Spring 2022



Our Theme:

Why Does It Always Rain On Me?

Our Christian Values:

Caring Commitment to Achieve Co-operation

Fairness Honesty Respect



Happy New Year! We have been very pleased to see how well the children have returned to their learning. They are continuing to work hard in class and are enjoying spending time with their friends.

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Our theme this term is Why Does It Always Rain On Me?

For our WOW day, we will share the children's holiday homework, test the water-holding capabilities of coins and design flood-resistant housing for the people of Bangladesh.

For our EXIT day, we will create a mod-roc model of a river system using knowledge acquired throughout the topic.

English

In English, we will continue to have daily reading sessions. These aim to develop each child's ability to understand and discuss the language that they encounter. The children will work in smaller groups focusing on key skills across a range of texts. As a class, we will be reading *Holes* by Louis Sachar. We will be using this text as our starting point for a range of writing.

Our written work will continue to focus on developing sentence structure through grammatical skills. We aim for the children to write for longer periods and develop the characters and descriptions in their writing. Their vocabulary and writing skills will be helped by regular reading of high quality books. We hope they can access these in school, the library or from recommendations.

Spelling and handwriting continue to have great importance. The children will learn a spelling rule each week and practise this rule as part of their class work and homework. They will also learn a handful of words from the Y5 and Y6 list. All of these can be found in their new Reading Record.

Mathematics

In Maths this term, we will be continuing to develop our fluency with key mental maths facts, such as fractions, decimals and percentages, and a broad range of Arithmetic topics. Please continue to support your child by enabling them to access Times Tables Rockstars as part of their homework. Our classwork will focus around the concepts of fractions, decimals and percentages, converting measures and angles.

Science

Within Science, we will be learning about Animals, including Humans. This will allow us to explore the circulatory system, our heart rates and how this is altered by activity. Later in the term, we will be further exploring electricity. In this topic, we will investigate variations on different electrical circuit components.

Geography

In Geography, we will be learning about the Water Cycle and the impact of water on land formation. We will be finding out about the local waterways, the principle rivers of the UK and the wider world and the key features of a river system. We will also be looking at the environmental impact of flooding and plastic pollution in the oceans.

R.E

In R.E., we will be learning how Christians believe Jesus died to save them. We will understand the significance of Salvation and Incarnation in everyday life for Christians.

Computing

We will be learning about blogging in Computing this term. We will investigate blogs that are currently available online and use these as inspiration for our own.

PSHE

In PSHE, we are continuing with our successful Jigsaw scheme. Our first unit is called 'Dreams and Goals' and this will help us set some targets to aspire to this term.

Art

We will be developing our drawing and painting skills. We will be looking at paintings of water by David Hockney, Monet and various other artists and using these to inspire our own works of Art.

P.E

In PE, we are focussing on developing balance and control in Gymnastics. We will be learning passing and games skills by developing our Netball skills.

Important Information

As per the school homework policy, which is available at www.marketrasen.lincs.sch.uk homework will be set on **Friday** and returned on **Thursday**, when we go through the reading element together.

Our P.E days are: **Monday and Tuesday.**

Please listen to your child read as regularly as you can. Reading can include the consumption of a variety of texts. For example, children may wish to read newspapers, instructions, websites or magazines. Please encourage your child to record this in their reading record and, as per the homework expectations, sign at least once in the diary yourself.

The children will be issued with Spelling as part of their homework; please ensure they are practised and recorded in the homework book. In addition to this spelling, the Year 5/6 common exception words are printed inside your child's reading record and practise of these words would always be beneficial.

If you are available at any time during the week to listen to children in our class read this would be greatly appreciated. Please come and speak to me if you would be available.

Kind regards,

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