



Fen Ditton C. P. School



Eagles Year 5/6

Autumn Term 2017 Link Letter

In the table below you will find information about the topics your child will be covering, in each of the curriculum subjects over the next term.

Subject	Theme
English	This term we will be writing a range of fiction and nonfiction genres. Our writing will be linked to our WW2 topic and we are starting the half term by reading 'Letters from the Lighthouse'. Children will be given lots of writing opportunities linked to the book including writing a narrative, a diary entry and a newspaper report. Children will have a guided reading session for one hour a week which will also be linked to our class book and children will be taught grammar during English lessons. The children will have opportunities to practise the cursive handwriting style and they should be trying to apply what they have learnt in their writing across all curriculum areas.
Mathematics	This term we will be covering several topics in mathematics: place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions and geometry. We will continue to give children regular opportunities to develop their fluency, reasoning and problem solving skills and they will have the opportunity to immerse themselves into some mathematical investigations. Children will have opportunities throughout maths lessons to work on their mental strategies and will regularly be given opportunities to discuss methods during Number Talks. Children will be given daily morning maths activities and will be continuing with the Superhero Times Table challenges this term.
Science	This term our science topics are light and electricity and properties of materials. Children will be given opportunities to conduct a range of experiments and investigations across the topics. Children will be given more independence when planning investigations and they will have to think carefully about how to plan a fair test. We will work on how we present our findings and draw conclusions about what we have found out.
Topic (History and Geography)	This term our topic is WW2. We will be using a range of different sources to explore the causes and main events as well as researching and investigating what life was really like during the war for men, women and children. In Geography we will be practising our map skills and looking at countries involved with the war and discussing which parts of the UK would be suitable for evacuation. We will also explore D-Day and create our own D-Day plans looking at suitable locations.
Religious Education	This half term we will be having a whole school Diwali Festival on 18 th October. Next half term we will be looking at creation stories and exploring what different religions believe about God.
Physical Education	This half term children will have PE on a Tuesday and Swimming on a Wednesday. PE on a Tuesday will be delivered by Mr Green and the children will be doing Hockey. Please ensure you send your child in with their swimming kit on Wednesday. After half term children will have PE on Monday and Tuesday. PE on a Tuesday will continue to be taught by Mr Green and Monday's session will be delivered by myself. Please make sure all PE kit is named and includes a white t-shirt, blue/black shorts and trousers together with appropriate footwear for indoors and outdoors. Please ensure earrings are taken out and hair bands are provided to tie long hair back. If children have one of the school coloured t-shirts to represent their house, it would be great if they could wear them in PE lessons.

Personal Development	Our topic for the first half term in PD is diversity and communities and next half term we will be having a whole school Anti-Bullying day. We will also hold a whole class circle time each week on a Wednesday.
Art and design	Our art and design activities will be linked to our topic where children will be given the opportunities to work with a range of media and produce several art pieces including propaganda posters and lighthouse sketches.
Design Technology	Our design technology activities will also be linked to our topic. Children will be cooking using WW2 recipes and creating their own air raid shelters.
Computing	This half term Mrs Nicholls will be teaching Computing.
Music	During the second half term Mrs Rogan will be delivering music to the children. During this unit we will learn about the 'Jackson 5' and explore how Michael Jackson contributed to the development of pop music. We will explore Pulse and Rhythm, learn how songs are structured and begin to create our own compositions. We will perform 'I'll be there' in small groups using a variety of percussion instruments, our voices, recorders, glockenspiel and keyboards. We will end the term looking at Jazz music and in particular South American Bossa Novas. We will explore improvisation and create our own 8 bar melodies performing them on Keyboards and Glockenspiels.
Languages	The children will continue to have a fortnightly French lesson with Miss Hughes from the Perse this term.
Forest School	Eagles will take part in forest school in the final half term of the year. Information regarding this will be sent out nearer the time.
Homework	This will be set every Friday and will consist of the following: Reading as much as possible over the week Spellings English e.g. a writing task or a comprehension activity Mathematics e.g. times tables challenges, activities to improve fluency or linked to what we have been learning in lessons. Optional: one other piece related to any other subject area. Please ensure homework is returned the following Wednesday.
Assessment	Reading comprehension and spelling/grammar exercises every half term Maths assessments every half term On-going writing assessment Practise SATs papers for relevant year groups
How to support your child at home	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read with them daily or as much as possible, this includes your child reading to you and you reading to them • Complete homework set • Carry out practical activities such as cooking, measuring, counting and using money • Practise telling the time on analogue and digital clocks • Play a range of board games to consolidate themes in taught in different subjects and to develop turn taking and cooperation skills • Use different materials you have around the home to build and create things to stimulate and develop their creativity • Find fun purposes for writing such as keeping diaries of what you do over the weekend, writing shopping lists, post cards, letters to friends and family • Keep up to date with what is happening at school and up and coming events by reading the newsletter and checking the website regularly

If you wish to discuss any information included in the table above or you have any further questions, please book an appointment to see me.

Thank you for your support,

Miss Parker