



Fen Ditton C. P. School



Eagles Year 5/6

Summer 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	<p>This term we will be writing a range of fiction and nonfiction genres. Our writing will continue to be linked to our topics and this half term children will be writing a diary entry, a biography about a Cambridge University graduate and they will have opportunities to complete some narrative writing. Children will continue to have a guided reading session for one hour a week. We are continuing our class book Wonder and some of the reading lessons will be focused on this.</p> <p>There will be short SPAG sessions daily where children will consolidate their knowledge of grammar and punctuation rules. We will also have spelling sessions during the week and there will be a weekly test of the spellings children bring home.</p> <p>The children have been practising the cursive handwriting style and they should now be applying what they have learnt in their writing across all curriculum areas.</p>
Mathematics	<p>This term we will be focusing on shape, space and measure and then teaching will be tailored specifically to gaps in children’s knowledge later this term. We will continue to give children regular opportunities to develop their fluency, reasoning and problem solving skills and they will have the chance to explore some longer investigations in the second half of the Summer term. 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.</p> <p>Children will be given daily morning maths activities and will be continuing with the Superhero Times Table challenges this term.</p>
Science	<p>This term our science topics are light and electricity. Children will be given opportunities to conduct a range of experiments and investigations across the topics. We will continue to work on how we present our findings and draw conclusions about what we have found out.</p>
Topic (History and Geography)	<p>This half term our topic is ‘Famous people who attended Cambridge University’. Children will be investigating a range of famous Cambridge University graduates and we have planned an exciting trip into Cambridge to go punting on the first day back after half term. This will be a great way to finish off the topic!</p> <p>After half term our topic will be Amazing Americas. We will have a focus on Geography as well as the history of America and how things have changed over time.</p>
Religious Education	<p>This half term our RE topic will be justice and freedom and the final half term will be looking at how different religions celebrate marriage. As part of this topic we will be having a visitor from the church to help us conduct a marriage ceremony in school. The children will have the opportunity to get into character and dress up for the occasion!</p>
Physical Education	<p>Children will continue to have PE on a Monday and Tuesday this year.</p> <p>One lesson a week will be delivered by Mr Davis who is a Premier Sports coach and will consist of Handball and Athletics. The other lesson will be taught by myself and this half term we are adopting the same approach to the Danish Longball unit which children loved last year but we are going to play Handball. The unit will end in a competition and we hope to get parents having a game too! After half term children will be swimming – please remember children must bring a swimming cap.</p> <p>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.</p>

	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 topics for the first half term in PD will be sex and relationships education. There will be a letter outlining details coming home very shortly. After half term children will be looking at healthy lifestyles but there will also be lots of transition sessions for year 6 children in order to prepare them for secondary school. They will be going to Cambridge United for a transition workshop as well as taking part in activities in school. We will also hold a whole class circle time each week on a Tuesday.
Art and design	Our art and design activities will continue to be linked to our topics where children will be given the opportunities to work with a range of media.
Design Technology	Our design technology activities will continue to be linked to our topics where children will be given the opportunities to work with a range of media. We will also be doing some cooking in the second half term linked to the topic.
Computing	This half term Mrs Nicholls will be teaching Computing to the children and they will be continuing their work on animation.
Music	Mr Paul will continue to teach music this half term.
Languages	The children will continue to have a fortnightly French lesson with a member of staff from the Perse this term.
Forest School	Eagles will be taking part in forest school on Thursday afternoons after half term. 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 Year 6 SATs tests this half term
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