



Fen Ditton C. P. School



Eagles Year 5/6  
**Spring 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
<b>English</b>	<p>This term we will be writing a range of fiction and nonfiction genres. We will be continuing to link our writing to our Shang Dynasty topic for the first half term where children will be completing non-chronological reports about dragons and an explanation text. Children will also have the opportunity to write some poetry towards the end of this half term.</p> <p>Children will have a guided reading session for one hour a week where we will be working hard on our comprehension skills, particularly focusing on inference.</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 as well as during weekly handwriting sessions, they should now be applying what they have learnt in their writing across all curriculum areas.</p>
<b>Mathematics</b>	<p>This term we will look at the following topics in maths: decimals, percentages, measurement, algebra, ratio, geometry and statistics. In order to ensure children have a deeper understanding of each area, more time is taken over each topic. This enables children to work on not only their fluency but also their reasoning and problem solving skills and gives them opportunities to master the area they are investigating. 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 that began last half term.</p>
<b>Science</b>	<p>For the first half term our science topic is animals including humans and for the second half term we will be investigating scientists and inventors. 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> <p>Science/Maths Week will also be happening this term from 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> March.</p>
<b>Topic (History and Geography)</b>	<p>This half term we will be continuing our topic on the Shang Dynasty. Children will continue to investigate what life was like for different people during this period in history and how Ancient China was different to China in the modern day.</p>
<b>Religious Education</b>	<p>This half term our RE topic will be crucifixion and for the second half term our topic will be justice and freedom.</p>
<b>Physical Education</b>	<p><b>Children will continue to have PE on a Monday and Tuesday this year.</b></p> <p>One lesson a week will be delivered by Mr Stevens who is a Premier Sports coach and will consist of high fives netball and fitness. The other lesson will be taught by myself and we will be starting a survival themed outdoor and adventurous activities unit where the main focus will be on teambuilding and problem solving skills.</p> <p>Please make sure all PE kit is named and includes a white t-shirt, blue/black shorts and trousers together with <b>appropriate footwear for indoors and outdoors. Please ensure earrings are taken out and hair bands are provided to tie long hair back.</b></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.
<b>Personal Development</b>	Our topics for the first half term in PD will be working together and financial capability. During the second half term the children will complete a sex and relationships education unit. You will be provided with further information regarding this topic nearer to the time. We will also hold a whole class circle time each week on a Tuesday.
<b>Art and design</b>	Our art and design activities will continue to be linked to our Shang Dynasty topic where children will be given the opportunities to work with a range of media.
<b>Design Technology</b>	Children will be using clay in DT this half term to construct their own oracle bones linked to our Shang Dynasty topic.
<b>Computing</b>	This half term Mrs Nicholls will be teaching Computing to the children and they will be given the opportunity to create an animation linked to our Shang Dynasty topic.
<b>Music</b>	Mr Paul will continue to teach music this half term and children will continue to learn how to play the recorder.
<b>Languages</b>	The children will continue to have a fortnightly French lesson with a member of staff from the Perse this term.
<b>Forest School</b>	Eagles will be taking part in forest school during the final half term of the academic year. Information regarding this will be sent out nearer the time.
<b>Homework</b>	This will be set every <b>Friday</b> 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. <b>Optional:</b> one other piece related to any other subject area. <b>Please ensure homework is returned the following Wednesday.</b>
<b>Assessment</b>	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
<b>How to support your child at home</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read with them daily or as much as possible, this includes your child reading to you and you reading to them</li> <li>• Complete homework set</li> <li>• Carry out practical activities such as cooking, measuring, counting and using money</li> <li>• Practise telling the time on analogue and digital clocks</li> <li>• Play a range of board games to consolidate themes in taught in different subjects and to develop turn taking and cooperation skills</li> <li>• Use different materials you have around the home to build and create things to stimulate and develop their creativity</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• Keep up to date with what is happening at school and up and coming events by reading the newsletter and checking the website regularly</li> </ul>

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