

September 2023

Dear Parents of Eagles,

Please find attached a curriculum map which sets out our learning for the year in each subject.

In class, we will be listening to the novel *The Eighteenth Emergency* by Betsy Byars. She has written a range of fiction for children and you may wish to take a look at *The Midnight Fox* which is also a great story, though a little more challenging.

Also, in our English lessons, we will be using our History unit of Ancient Egypt to study Egyptian themed texts and to inspire some of our writing.

All pupils should be reading at home every day for at least 20 minutes. This can be to themselves or aloud to an adult. If your child needs some fluency practice then they would benefit from reading aloud to an adult at home every day. I will let you know if I have any concerns. I will send each pupil home with a book that matches their reading level early in the term. I will let you know when I do this. However, I am very happy for pupils to read books they have at home if they are enjoying them and to bring these into school each day if they wish.

For spelling this year there will be no formal weekly test. However, the pupils will be provided with a spelling pattern and appropriate spellings to learn at home each week. They should be practising spelling games on Spelling Shed for five minutes, three times per week and I will send home login details for this.

In mathematics, we begin with place value and looking at the properties of numbers up to 1,000,000. Later in the term, we will recap our addition and subtraction skills and look at rounding, inverse operations and multi-step problems with up to 4 digits.

There will be a times tables test for all pupils every Friday. Children are expected to know all their times tables by heart up to 12 x 12 by the end of year 4. Pupils who have learnt their tables by heart always find maths so much easier. I will be giving pupils who struggle with this, techniques for learning them and pupils will be required to spend time practising these at home every day. Your child has a Times Tables Rockstars account. The login details for this will be sent home.

If you have any concerns or questions then please let me know by sending an email to the office.

Many thanks for your support

Peter Boyles