



Hazel Leys Academy

Year 5 ~ Golden Eagles



Spring Term 3 2019 Curriculum Newsletter

WELCOME BACK TO TERM 3

A huge welcome back to all our Golden Eagles after what we hope was a great Christmas and New Year break for all our families. This term kicks off with the start of our exciting new history topic Life in Ancient Egypt. This topic will be brought to life for the children with an Egyptian day, where they will experience what life was like in this ancient civilisation.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM LAST TERM...

One of the highlights of last term was our class text *The River Singers* written by the ecologist Tom Moorhouse. The children thoroughly enjoyed the tales of the family of water voles surviving along the river bank. They were so inspired by the text that they decided they wanted to raise money to help in the conservation of this adorable rodent which hovers on the brink of extinction.

The children decided they would hold a cake sale and send the money raised to The People's Trust for Endangered Species who are heavily involved in the conservation of the water vole.

The sale was a great success and the children raised a staggering £162. The day was made even more special with a visit from Tom Moorhouse himself. He helped the children write their own adventure story and explained about his work with the water vole, including showing the children actual video clips of water voles he has worked with.



What's on this term?

Golden Eagles (Y5) and Tigers (Y6) Samba Drum Lessons Start 10th January and then every Thursday

Golden Eagles (Y5) - Swimming starts 9th January and then every Wednesday

January 27th Holocaust Memorial Day

January 28th National Story Telling Week

February 1st Number Day (NSPCC)

February 4th Golden Eagles Egyptian Workshop

February 5th Chinese New Year

February 12th Safer Internet Day

February 13th Class Photographs

February 13th Golden Eagles Dentistry Workshop Careers and Employability

February 14th Valentine's Day

February 15th End of Term - Academy Closes and reopens on Monday 25th February.

Class Assemblies, Fridays at 9.00 a.m., parents will be invited to attend their child's class assembly. Other parents will be invited if their child is receiving an award. Please bring invite along to Reception to comply with health and safety practice.

18th January Y2 25th January Y4

1st February R 8th February Y6

15th February End of Term Award Assembly - whole school

P.E

We have made a few changes to the Year 5 P.E curriculum this year and the children will now swim for the whole year. Swimming will start back on Wednesday 9th January. The children will still need to have P.E kit in school for their second P.E lesson on Tuesdays.

Please help your child to ensure they have the appropriate kit in on both days, jewellery removed and hair tied back.

Many thanks.

Spring term learning

English

- Ancient Egyptian Creation Stories
- Diaries
- Poetry

Maths

- Area and Perimeter
- Multiplication and Division
- Fractions

Science

- Forces

RE

- Sikhism

Art

- Tomb Painting

Topic

- Life in Ancient Egypt

Home Learning: Each week children will have tasks to complete based on the learning in class from that week in English and maths. In addition, children need to practise their multiplication tables and division facts as well as their weekly spellings. Homework will be given out on Friday and collected in the following Wednesday for marking. Spellings and times tables will be tested on Fridays. Golden Eagles have also been allocated books and practice games on Active Learn; login details have been sent home on a small card which your child has been asked to keep in a safe place.

Children also have longer-term homework projects to complete. Details of this can be found every week on their homework sheet.

Homework is an important part in developing the right learning character we aim for all our children to achieve and your support in this is crucial; many thanks.

READING CHALLENGE...

The Reading Challenge continues across the school and our Academy Council will be continuing to check reading records daily to make sure that all the children in our class are reading at home each day. This might only be a short read - 5 or 10 minutes or your child may prefer to pick up a book and not close it until the last word has been devoured. Whatever your child's preference, reading regularly improves attainment both in reading and across the wider curriculum, especially writing so your support with this is very much appreciated - together, let's make all Golden Eagles lifelong readers!

Please note: Your child has been given a staged reading book which is designed to be at a level they can confidently read independently. It is important that it is this book that children read every day and a comment made in their reading record. We always encourage children to read other books too however, it is important that they continue to read their banded book until they become free, library readers.



You can now follow our academy on Twitter. Just type in @HazelLeysAcademy and click follow!

Twitter is updated regularly and is a great way to follow what your child is learning in school.



Topic – Walk Like an Egyptian

This term the children will learn about life in the ancient Egyptian civilisation. They will have the opportunity to research what everyday life was like in Egypt and the importance of Egyptian gods and burial rituals. They will experience a day, living the life of an Egyptian in ancient times, completing activities and tasting food at a religious feast for the Pharaoh and his wife.



HOMWORK PROJECTS

A huge THANK YOU to all our parents who supported their children in their Term 2 Homework Projects ~ the efforts were remarkable and the children gained so much from doing them.

Our award for the best homework project last term went to Ethan for his extensive and creative Egyptian project.

