



# Hazel Leys Academy

## Year 5 ~ Golden Eagles



### Spring Term 4 2019 Curriculum Newsletter

#### WELCOME BACK TO TERM 4

A huge welcome back to all our Golden Eagles after what we hope was a great half term break for all our families. Mrs Blackwood, Mr Burchell and I are really looking forward to starting our history topic for this term, Viking Invaders. We will be starting our new class text, Viking Boy by Tony Bradman which is a blood thirsty tale of vengeance and battle set in Viking Scandinavia. This term is another busy one so please make sure you jot down dates for your diary so you don't miss anything.

#### HIGHLIGHTS FROM LAST TERM...

Last term the children started their topic about ancient Egypt. They experienced what life might have been like during this civilisation when History Off the Page came into school and we experienced an Egyptian day. The children enjoyed making canopic jars and wax melts infused with herbs and spices. They created their own Book of the Dead, even making their own ink to write with. At the mummification table, the children learnt about the process of embalming which allowed the dead to enter the afterlife with an intact body. The day was rounded off with a splendid feast complete with entertainment. Many thanks to all of the parents for the fabulous costumes the children wore which really helped them immerse themselves fully in the learning experience.



#### Spring term learning

##### English

- Journalistic Writing
- Quest Story
- Informal Letter

##### Maths

- Fractions, Decimals and Percentages

##### Science

- Living things and their habitats.

##### RE

- Christianity - Did God intend for Jesus to be crucified and if so was Jesus aware of this?

##### Art

- Texture - 3 D Art linked to Viking artefacts.

##### Topic

- Viking Invaders

##### Computing

- Text and Multimedia

#### What's on this term?

- 26th Feb - KS2 Internet Safety Google and Parent Zone presentation
- 1st March - Tom Pursglove (local MP) will be meeting with our Academy Councillors
- 4th March - 8th March - Careers Week
- 5th March - Kid Lit with author Julia Jarman
- 8th March - Golden Eagle Class Assembly
- 5th March Shrove Tuesday
- 6th March Wayne Norrie CEO Visit
- 7th March - World Book Day.
- 11th March - British Science Week
- 14th March - Whole School Writing Day with the Corby Cube
- 15th March - Bubbleworks Science Assembly

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- 15th March Comic Relief
- 18th March - Sports Week
- 19th March - Extreme Bike Show to be delivered to the children in the school hall
- 21st March - World Poetry Day
- 22nd March - Football Development Day
- 24th March - Viking Day
- 29th March - Litter Pick Assembly
- 1st April - Bikeability Year 5
- 4th April - Celebration assembly and last day of term
- 5th April - Teacher Training Day
- 23rd April - First day of Term 5

**Home Learning** Each week children will have tasks to complete based on the learning in class from that week. 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 a longer-term homework projects to complete. Details of this can be found each week on the back page of 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.

## 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 continue through Term 4, including the final week of term.

The children will still need to have P.E kit in school for their second P.E lesson on Fridays. Please help your child to ensure they have the appropriate kit in on both days, jewellery removed and hair tied back. Many thanks.

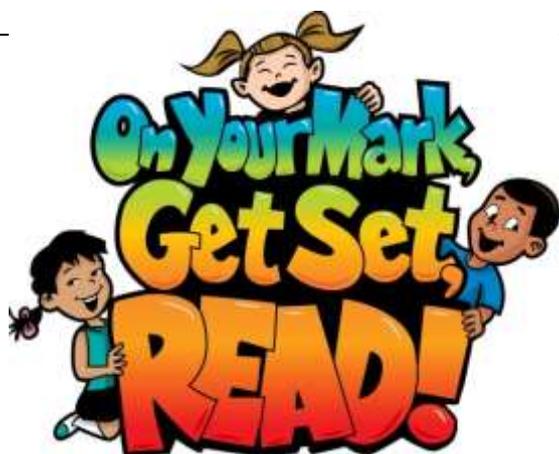


## HOMWORK PROJECTS

We were all so IMPRESSED with the homework projects last term and well done to Thomas Sherwood who won the prize for the best project. New projects will be set for this term and will be included on the back of the weekly homework sheet.

## READING CHALLENGE...

Our reading challenge in class continues this term. We cannot stress how important it is for children to consistently practise their reading skills to improve decoding, speed and fluency. In addition to this, children who read widely develop a wider vocabulary and deeper understanding about how writing works from the experts themselves - real life authors - and this leads to children becoming better writers too. So please encourage your child to read every night for a minimum of 10 minutes and write a short comment in their reading record - these little bursts make a BIG difference.



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