



# Golden Eagle Class

## Term 2 Newsletter



### WELCOME BACK TO TERM 2

A huge welcome back to all our Golden Eagles after what we hope was an enjoyable half term break. It was a fabulous meeting so many parents at Parent's Evening before we broke up; any parents who couldn't make their appointment please feel free to pop in to arrange a time when we could catch up - it means so much to your child to know we are working together so they achieve the very best they can at our academy. After saying a very sad goodbye to Mrs Portus last term, we would like to welcome Mr Burchell to the Year 5 team. Mr Burchell has already got to know several of the children and we look forward to seeing many of the year 5s involved in sports clubs he is running during lunchtime breaks. We know you will join with us in wishing Mr Burchell a long and happy career at our academy.

### HIGHLIGHTS FROM LAST TERM...

Last term was packed with exciting events which the children enjoyed. Highlights from this have to be the fabulous visit to The Core to listen to and meet the American author, Peter Brown and an exciting river study at Everdon Outdoor Learning Centre where the children completed several activities to support their learning about rivers.



### Dates for your diary...

- 30<sup>th</sup> October African Drumming
- 1<sup>st</sup> November Outdoor Learning Day
- 12<sup>th</sup> November to 16<sup>th</sup> November Anti-Bullying Week and The Big Spotacular
- 12<sup>th</sup> November Wear an item of blue clothing or wear odd socks to support Antii-Bullying
- 12<sup>th</sup> November Atomic Science Workshop Y3 and Y5
- 12<sup>th</sup> November Waste Recycling Assembly
- 15<sup>th</sup> November Tom Moorhouse Visit Y5 and Y6
- 15<sup>th</sup> November Y5 cake sale
- 30<sup>th</sup> November Y5 Class Assembly
- 11<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Lunch
- 14<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Jumper Day
- 14<sup>th</sup> Reception to Y6 Award Assembly
- 17<sup>th</sup> December pm KS2 Carol Concert
- 18<sup>th</sup> December am KS2 Carol Concert
- 19<sup>th</sup> December am KS1 Carol Concert
- 20<sup>th</sup> December Last Day of Term

### Autumn term learning

#### English

- Non-chronological reports
- Poetry
- Biography
- Adventure Story

#### Maths

- Addition and Subtraction
- Statistics
- Multiplication and Division
- Perimeter
- Area

#### Science

- Properties and changes of materials.

#### RE

- Hinduism
- The Christmas Story ~ fact or fiction?

#### Computing

- Digital research linked to our

## Home Learning

Each week children will have tasks to complete based on the learning in class from that week in both maths and English. 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.

Children also have a longer-term homework projects to complete. Details of this can be found in the front page of their homework booklet.

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 IN YEAR 5...

Children in Year 5 are expected to read their school reading book for a minimum of 10 minutes each night. They then need to write a short (one or two sentences) comment about what they have read in their reading diary. These diaries are checked every morning and all children are heard read either individually or in a guided group each week so it is crucial they have their diary in school every day. Thank you for your support with this.



## HELPING TO CONSERVE THE BRITISH WATER VOLE...

This term the children have been reading the wonderful story *The River Singers* written by Tom Moorhouse who is an ecologist at Oxford University's zoology department. This exciting, scary, sad and exhilarating story has sparked a real desire in the children to help to conserve this little rodent which is at real risk of extinction along British waterways. They have decided to



raise some money to donate to the People's Trust for Endangered Species who are working hard to set up conservation programmes. To do this the children are holding a cake sale in the school hall after school on the 15<sup>th</sup> November where Tom Moorhouse himself will be helping out and available to talk to parents about his work. THE CHILDREN NEED YOUR HELP!

Please donate cakes (homemade or shop bought) to the cake sale; cakes can be sent in from Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> onwards. Then of course we need you to come in and buy our cakes so we can raise as much money as possible to help towards this important cause.

THANK YOU.

## Topic ~ Our Frozen Planet

This term the children will learn all about the extreme north and south of our planet, when they discover what life is like in the Arctic and Antarctic. They will find out about the people and animals who live there and how they have adapted to living in such extreme conditions. They will find out about how the ice caps are melting and the global impact this is having as well as their role in the future in ensuring these beautiful, wild lands are protected for generations to come.

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