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Tuesday 13th January

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I hope you have had a great start to the Spring Term, the children have settled in straight away and are making great progress. Below is some key information and dates for the upcoming term.

Staffing:

Class Teacher: Mr. Stinchcombe
Teaching Partner: Mrs Phillips (5 mornings)
PPA cover Tuesday PM: Mr. Sallis

Class Dojo

We will continue to update Class Dojo with messages, notices and pictures. If you have any questions feel free to message myself through Dojo. Every pupil has a connected adult on this platform which helps make the sharing of messages straightforward. Occasionally, I will also send out text reminders if things change at short notice.

Website:

I am in the process of updating the class website with relevant information (spelling lists/ topic webs etc.) Please check the website for curriculum information and the class pages is where you will find information relevant for pupils in Eagles.

Key Experiences This Term:

We have started this half term with a very exciting trip to the pantomime to see Robin Hood, which the children thoroughly enjoyed.

Throughout this term, the children will be taking part in 9 more iPad music sessions with Gloucestershire Music Works. These are always really enjoyable and children develop skills in both music composition and computing.

We will also be getting a visit from two magistrates to explain the court system on 28th January. This is prior to our Mock Trial at the University of Gloucestershire, which has been arranged for 9th March. In this event we will go up against another school in a Mock Trial and the most convincing prosecution or defence team will be the winners. More information will be shared in due course.

We also have a STEM based workshop in school where children will be completing an engineering project using KNEX on Tuesday 10th February.

Reading and Reading Records:

Please ensure your child is regularly reading and updating their reading record at home. I aim to check these weekly on Fridays and they are an easy way of children getting Dojo points. Reading appropriately chosen books frequently is a way of ensuring your child improves in all aspects of literacy. It is something I am passionate about and as a result there are always an excellent selection of books in our class library. Children can choose books from their Accelerated Reader level and complete quizzes on these books. Some children have Nesy logins to help with their spelling. Nesy can be accessed using the Nesy app.

Maths and Times Table Rock Stars:

If your child needs to improve their fluency with times tables, all children have access to Times Tables Rockstars. Frequent practise of this at home will ensure that these facts can be recalled automatically and help in many other areas of maths.

Alongside this, White Rose Workbooks can be bought on Amazon for around £5.

Year 5 Book - [White Rose Maths Practice Journals Year 5 Workbook: Single Copy: Amazon.co.uk: Hamilton, Caroline, Connolly, Mary-Kate: 9781382044783: Books](https://www.amazon.co.uk/White-Rose-Maths-Practice-Journals-Year-5-Workbook-Single-Copy/dp/1382044798/ref=asc_df_1382044798?mcid=9ea4550a5c61309ca1766cbee6c44921&th=1&psc=1)

Year 6 Book - https://www.amazon.co.uk/White-Maths-Practice-Journals-Workbook/dp/1382044798/ref=asc_df_1382044798?mcid=9ea4550a5c61309ca1766cbee6c44921&th=1&psc=1&tag=googshopuk-21&linkCode=df0&hvadid=696450770372&hvpos=&hvnetw=g&hvrand=7270609436173526931&hvpon=&hvptwo=&hvqmt=&hvdev=c&hvdvcmdl=&hvlocint=&hvlocphy=9219379&hvtargid=pla-2195214160203&psc=1&hvocijid=7270609436173526931-1382044798-&hvexpln=0&gad_source=1

These follow the same curriculum we do in school so are a great way of recapping the learning completed in class.

PE and Forest School:

PE will continue to be on a Wednesday in Eagles. On this day, children should come dressed in their PE kit which they will wear all day. Please do however ensure they have a school / PE jumper and trousers for colder weather. If your child attends any sports clubs they will need to bring spare kit to wear in a bag and get changed at the end of the day. We also have Forest School this term, on Thursdays, which will be led by Mr. Bridges. Please ensure your child comes in wearing appropriate, warm clothing with wellies/hiking boots. The Forest School site is likely to be muddy and cold this term.

School Equipment:

Children are provided with a pencil case and all relevant equipment to complete their learning in Eagles. Please try to keep any additional fidget toys at home as they can prove distracting in class. Certain children will have adaptations agreed to help with their learning and this may include things that help them concentrate but these will be provided for them and agreed with parents.

Thank you for reading,
Mr Stinchcombe