



Eagle Class Curriculum Letter



Spring Term 2 2024

This half term our topic is called 'Across the Atlantic' and much of our learning is based on the countries of North America and the Caribbean. Below is an outline of what the class will be learning in a range of key subjects. I hope you find it useful when supporting your child with their learning.

English



This half term, we will begin our English lessons with the classic poem 'The Highwayman' by Alfred Noyes. We will spend time becoming familiar with the poem, its story and the characters, before developing our narrative writing skills, including setting and character descriptions and purposeful dialogue to convey character and advance the action. We will then go on to write a non-chronological report about our chosen Caribbean country. In our guided reading lessons, we will be reading 'Windrush Child' by Benjamin Zephaniah and John Agard's poem of the same name.

You can help at home by:

Listening to your child read and talking about what is happening in the story. Discuss the choices made by the author - these discussions are highly beneficial in helping your child to consider their own writing choices.

Maths

This half term we will focus on fractions, decimals and percentages, including skills such as:

- finding equivalent fractions/decimals/percentages;
- adding and subtracting decimal numbers;
- multiplying and dividing decimal numbers;
- and finding percentages of amounts.

You can help at home by:

Practising times tables - either using minute games or the Times Tables Rock Stars app. A quick recall of times table facts is invaluable for this unit of work.

Useful websites:

<http://www.mymaths.co.uk/> (login and password provided)
<https://trockstars.com/> (login and password provided)

History

Our history lessons this half term will continue where we left off - at the end of World War 2. We will begin by exploring what life was like in Britain and Commonwealth countries after the war, then go on to find out about the experiences of the Windrush generation, including their reasons for making the journey to England and the impact they have had on Britain since 1948.

Music

This half term, we will be listening to and discussing a variety of Caribbean music, with a focus on the origins and features of Calypso and reggae music.

Geography

In our geography lessons this half term, we will be learning about the countries that make up North America and the Caribbean. Your child will spend time developing their atlas skills, exploring the national parks of the USA and making comparisons between Jamaica and the United Kingdom.

Art

In our art lessons, we will be developing a range of oil pastel techniques. We will then apply everything we've learnt to create an oil pastel Caribbean landscape as our final piece.

Homework

Homework will follow the same format as last half term: three weekly '10-minute tests', including reading, arithmetic and SPaG (spelling, punctuation and grammar). Please give your child as much support as needed with these.

Reading, Spelling and Minute Games

Please continue to encourage your child to read and practise their spellings and minute games. Yellow reading records should be brought into school every Friday. Spelling tests will be each Thursday.

PE

Eagle Class PE lessons will continue to be on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**. Like last half term, children may come into school wearing their PE kit (black shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms and white T-shirt) with their usual school jumper or cardigan.