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Eagle Owls Curriculum Letter – Autumn Term

Welcome to Eagle Owls and the start of the new academic year.

Curriculum

Our school curriculum has recently been updated, so you may find that some topics are being re-visited this year. Please be assured that if we are revisiting a topic your child has done before, it will be sufficiently different and challenging for your child!

The updated curriculum plans will soon be added to the school website, so you can see an overview of the topics across the two-year cycle.

As part of our curriculum changes, we will have a whole school question to help us bring together our learning across the school.

Our Curriculum this term

This term's big question is:

Where did I come from and how did I get here?

Maths	Place value, Four Operations (addition, subtraction, division and multiplication) Worded problem solving
English	Handwriting, creative development for writing, newspaper reports Class texts Tutankhamun's Treasure: Discovering the Secret Tomb Ancient Egypt: Tales of Gods and Pharaohs
Science	Term 1 - Living things and their habitats – Life Cycles Term 2 - Animals inc. humans – circulatory system/lifestyle
History	Ancient Egyptians
Geography	Rivers and Floods
Computing	Game creator and touch typing
RE	Buddhism
PHSE	Belonging to our community
Art/DT	Birthday cards, Christmas cards, Gliders, mummification
Music	Singing
PE	Team building Games
Languages	British Sign Language – hand shapes, alphabet, numbers and assembly songs

PE

Our PE lessons will take place on Mondays and Thursdays this term, please send your child into school in their PE kit on these days. For safety reasons long hair needs to be tied back, and all jewellery including earrings and watches must be removed; if your child wishes to remove their earrings at school a small container to store them in during lessons would be helpful.

Homework

This year's homework will be set weekly and will consist of; spellings, a short maths activity and reading. Your children have been provided with a homework folder to transport this work to and from school; they should also store their reading books in these folders.

Uniform

Thank you very much to all of you who have named sweatshirts and cardigans – it is very helpful when things are misplaced!

Please remember long hair must be tied back, plain black shoes/trainers and no jewellery except for one pair of studs and a watch with no connection to the internet.

Equipment

Children are asked not to bring stationary or pencil cases from home, all equipment they need has been provided by the school.

Please send your child to school with; a water bottle (air up bottles should not have a canister attached), fruit or vegetable snack and a pair of wellies. Homework folders with reading books should be in school every day.

Voluntary contributions

We strive to keep our curriculum fun, engaging and hands-on as much as we possibly can. In the light of the current finances in schools, it is not always possible to fund this from school resources. Therefore, we ask for a voluntary contribution from parents to help us resource more practical lessons. This year, we would appreciate a donation of £10 per child for the year to help cover the costs for these resources. The option to pay through Arbor has been set up in the School Shop area of the app. If you would prefer to pay cash, please send it in a named envelope to the office. You may choose to do this in installments if you prefer.

Last year, your generous donations helped to fund: new reading books for guided reading, ingredients for cooking and perishable items for science experiments. In addition to a set of phonetic dictionaries which have been a great success.

Mobile phones

A quick reminder that mobile phones are not permitted in school. If you would like to discuss this further, please contact the school office.

Walking to or from school

Pupils in year 6 are permitted to leave the school site alone at the end of the day if we have written consent from their parent or guardian. The office has set up a Google form so should you wish for your child to be allowed to walk to the car or home alone please make sure you have completed the form. We will not release children without a responsible adult or consent. Year 5 pupils will be able to sign up for walking home next term, this gives staff the chance to meet our new families.

Communication

We will continue to use class Dojo to update you on class activities/changes. Dojo is used for updates and last-minute changes so is not monitored daily, please continue to use the office as your main point of contact with the school.

SATS

For our year 6 pupils this year is particularly important for them. In the Spring term we will be holding a parents' information meeting to discuss SATs preparation. If you wish to help your child with SATs preparation prior to this encourage your child to complete their homework as these activities are targeted at SATS skills.

Residential and trips

This year is not a residential year. We are currently looking into several options for a class trip in either the Spring or Summer term linked to our topics.

We are looking forward to getting to know the new Eagle Owls class and seeing them continue their learning journey with us.

Mrs Crothers and Miss Chandler

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