



Eagles Class Newsletter

Summer 2017

I can't believe that we are already part way through the final term of this academic year! The time is flying by. Now that SATs are over we can spend a bit more time focusing on our topic for the term – Greece Lightning. Attached to this newsletter, for your information, is a topic overview sheet. The children are already enjoying finding out about the Ancient Greeks and have so many questions.

Sadly, we can't afford a trip to Greece but are going to have a Greek Day in school on Wednesday 19th July. I would like the children to come to school dressed as Ancient Greeks on that day so get busy thinking about costumes.

Although not linked to the Ancient Greek topic, the class are going on a trip to Balcombe Estate on Wednesday 21st June. They will also be visiting Wakehurst Place, linked to the science curriculum on Thursday 29th June. Details about these trips will be sent home after the half term break.

As usual in the summer, we have two main sporting events. Asshletics, on the 16th June will involve everyone in the class so please let me know if you are planning to be away on that day for any reason other than illness. We are defending the trophy this year so we need everyone to be fit and healthy. The rounders tournament will involve a squad of about ten children and will take place on 18th July. Further details of these two competitions will be sent home nearer the time. And, of course, we have our own school sports day to look forward to. PE kit must be in school all week, every week, please. In the Summer Term we really do need to be flexible with timetabling especially in the run up to the different competitions.

The Summer term is ridiculously busy in Eagles Class with children coming and going for all sorts of reasons. The year 6s have induction days, a Leavers' Service at Worth Abbey plus a Problem Solving morning with children from the other ASSH schools at Cowfold. The Year 5 boys have a Tech day to look forward to at Forest School and all of year 5 will also have a host of different activities to do while Year 6 are away at Fairthorne. While on the subject of Fairthorne, Year 6 parents, please ensure that a representative of your child attends the very important, information meeting about the residential trip on 8/6/17 at 2:15pm. In addition to all the above, it is also our class' turn to do Forest schools for the next 3 weeks too. Please do keep checking the school calendar and any newsletters/extra letters which are sent home to make sure your child comes to school with everything needed as appropriate. Permission slips for days out should be completed and sent back as soon as possible to make my life easier, please.

When we are not out and about, the children will still be studying the core curriculum subjects of maths, literacy and science and homework will sometimes be set for some children. I do expect children to carry on reading regardless and to keep up their reading diaries please. Spellings will continue to be set weekly too. As suggested before, please encourage children not to leave their homework to the last minute. If they don't understand something, they should come to talk to me so that I can go over it with them. Any written homework should be neatly presented and clearly named. If you need to give a lot of help in order for your child to complete a task, please could you let me know by jotting a brief note somewhere on the work?

It continues to be **essential** that times tables are practised regularly and that children have almost instant recall of number bonds and facts such as 'How many 9s in 63?', 'What is 7 squared?', '8x7=?'. The school has now bought a year's subscription to TTRockstars as this seems a very motivational computer program for helping to improve recall speed. Please encourage your child to use it regularly. As stated in the Autumn Term, handling/managing money is also a very useful skill to practice as is telling the time using analogue and digital clocks, weighing and measuring etc.

And finally

For our DT project, I would like each child to bring to school a relatively sturdy box lid – a shoe box lid would be ideal (A cereal box would be too flimsy.) These lids will be needed after half term so be on the look- out and send in something suitable between 6th and 9th June please.

Many thanks,

Lindsey Cranfield