



# Eagle Class

## Curriculum Letter



Summer Term 1 2024

This half term, much of our learning will be based on dragons and there will be lots of opportunities for creativity! Below is an outline of what we will be learning in a range of key subjects. I hope you find it useful.

### English



This half term, we will be using a range of high-quality picture books to inspire our writing. Our first unit of work will begin with a very special delivery of dragon eggs! The class will be tasked with caring for their egg and writing instructions for a successful hatching. We will then go on to create our own dragons and describe them using a range of poetic writing techniques, including similes, metaphors and personification. There will then be an opportunity for some narrative writing, inspired by clips from 'How to Train Your Dragon'. Finally, we will be writing explanation texts - telling our reader how best to care for a pet dragon.

#### 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 be revising many previously taught maths concepts and also learning about:

- ratio, including scaling and similar shapes;
- statistics (line graphs, pie charts and mean averages);
- co-ordinates within four quadrants;
- and an introduction to algebra.

#### 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 the upcoming SATs tests.

#### Useful websites:

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

<https://trockstars.com/> (login and password provided)

### Art

This half term includes lots of opportunities for the class to apply a range of art skills. We will be creating collages inspired by one of our key texts in English, scientific drawings linked to our learning about evolution and ink dragons to inspire our writing. As well as this, we will be developing pencil techniques through lots of sketching and creating dragon eye sculptures with clay.

### PSHE

In PSHE lessons this half term, we will be learning and having discussions about balancing mental health, dealing with grief and staying safe online.

### Science

In our science lessons this half term, we will be exploring ideas about evolution and inheritance. We will begin by seeing how fossils provide evidence of change over time, then investigate why these changes may occur by studying a range of animals, their adaptations and inherited characteristics.

### RE and French

RE and French will be taught by Mrs Jackson. RE lessons will focus on beliefs about life and death. In French, the class will be learning about towns, buildings and directions

### 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.