

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 6 Eagles – Welcome Letter

Welcome to a new school year. I would like to extend a warm welcome to you all, and I am delighted to be your child's teacher. Year 6 is challenging but rewarding; we encourage the children to take responsibility with the aim of preparing them for secondary school.

Teaching Staff

There is a team of staff to support your child this year. I will be teaching Eagle Class with the help of Mrs Smith, Mrs Friend and Miss Stanford, our Teaching Assistants. Mrs Pascal will teach Science on a Tuesday afternoon, and similar to last year, Mrs Ekoku will lead a group for Maths. Additionally, she will teach on Wednesday afternoons. French lessons continue to occur every other Friday, taught by Mrs Bowman. Mrs Cargan, our learning mentor, will also work closely with us this year.

Sport

PE and Games lessons are on **Wednesday and Friday**. Please ensure your child **arrives at school in PE kits** on their PE days. We will inform you in advance of any changes to our PE days.

Reading

We want to encourage students to read as often and widely as possible. They are required to read at least four times a week for 15 minutes, which needs to be recorded in the reading record. Reading diaries will be checked regularly by myself or a teaching assistant. In class, we will develop reading skills, including fluency, information retrieval, vocabulary, inference and deduction, within three weekly comprehension lessons.

Maths

It is crucial that your child has a strong understanding of the four operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Please continue practising multiplication and division facts for times tables to 12 x 12; these will be tested every Thursday.

Homework

Each Friday, your child will receive a piece of English and Maths homework to be returned by the following Wednesday. The spelling list has been sent home in your child's reading record. They need to learn week 1's spellings for Thursday 14th and this will continue each Thursday, learning the next set of spellings. An independent learning project will also be set in the Autumn and Spring terms; more details will be provided nearer the time.

Curriculum

The curriculum overview will be available on our class page on the school website. Children are encouraged to bring in relevant resources from home related to their learning.

Equipment

The children only need a book bag or a small rucksack to carry their belongings; otherwise, the cloakroom gets crowded. It is vital to come to school with the correct equipment daily. They should bring a small pencil case with a **named pen and pencil, rubber, sharpener, glue stick, small selection of colouring pencils and a ruler**. Felt tips and gel pens are not required. Pencil cases should fit in their tray. They certainly do not need large pencil cases, novelty stationery or small toys that distract them from their work. Any oversized cases may be put back into bags and sent home. I appreciate your support with this. I want every child to be ready to learn with the equipment required for each lesson.

I look forward to working with you and your child this year and meeting you at Curriculum Welcome Meeting (time to be announced shortly). Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any inquiries or issues at any point during the year.

Best wishes,

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