

HOMEWORK in Eagles

Homework this term will continue in a similar way to last term.

Topic homework will be handed in every other Tuesday on the following dates:

Tuesday 28th April
Tuesday 12th May
Tuesday 2nd June
Tuesday 16th June
Tuesday 30th June

More details about topic homework will follow in a separate letter.

Useful websites to support your children with these tasks are:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z3tg4-wx> - BBC Bitesize

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/islam/> - BBC religion: Islam

<https://www.whyislam.org/baghdad-3/> - History of Baghdad

<https://www.1001inventions.com/> - information about inventions and discoveries of the Muslim civilisation

<https://www.vam.ac.uk/collections/islamic-middle-east> - art collections

<https://islamicworld.britishmuseum.org/> - The British Museum Islamic Gallery

Reading - at least 3 times a week for 20 minutes with a comment recorded in reading journals.

Spelling Shed - at least twice a week for 10-15 minutes Spelling lists will also be sent home weekly.

Times Tables Rockstars - at least 3 times a week for 5-10 minutes

We would appreciate your support in helping your child to complete these homework tasks.

Times Tables Test - Year 4

The Year 4s will be completing the times table test in June; you will receive separate information regarding this.

Thrupp Primary School



Information for Parents
Term 5 and 6
Summer 2026

Eagles
Mrs Catt and Mrs Bass

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the Summer term at Thrupp. We are really looking forward to a busy but fun term in Eagles!

Our topic for Terms 5 and 6 is '**Arabian Adventures**'. Our main **History** focus will be the early Islamic Civilisation, known as the Golden Age, and the advances which took place in Ancient Baghdad. We will be learning about the great inventors, scientists and academics of this period, and the influences that their work has on our life today. This is the key knowledge that we will be learning:

- I know that in 762, the newly-founded city of Baghdad became the capital of the Muslim world.
- I know that until 1258, Baghdad was one of the world centres of culture and learning - this period was known as the Golden Age of Islam.
- I know that Islamic scholars adopted the Hindi symbol for zero and style of numerals (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, etc.) which we still use today.
- I know that the House of Wisdom was a library and research facility which contained knowledge about science, medicine and astrology from all over the world.

In **English**, we will be reading stories from 1001 Nights, a collection of Middle Eastern folktales written in the period of the Islamic Golden Age. One of the most famous of these tales is Aladdin, which we will be using to inspire our own fiction and non-fiction writing. In **Guided Reading** this term, Year 4 will be reading The Wild Robot by Peter Brown and Year 5 will be reading Brightstorm by Vashti Hardy. If you are able to source a copy of the relevant text for your child, it will be extremely beneficial.

In **Geography**, later in the term, we will be looking at global warming and climate change, and thinking about ways in which we can live in a more sustainable way to protect our planet. This is the key knowledge that we will be learning:

- I know that coal, oil and gas are fossil fuels and these are non-renewable energy sources.
- I know how fossil fuels contribute to global warming.
- I know some types of renewable energy sources.
- I know what a carbon footprint is and I know some ways to reduce it.
- I know how plastic use impacts our planet and can suggest ways to be more sustainable.

In **Maths**, Year 5 will be calculating fractions, learning about area and volume, understanding angles and properties of shapes, converting measurements of time and using statistics. Year 4 will be understanding decimals, calculating fractions, understanding and converting units of time, learning about perimeter and area, using position and direction in geometry and they will be calculating and using statistics.

In **Science**, the Year 4s will be finding out 'How we can change the state of water?' then in term 6 we will be learning and researching 'What different groups do animals belong to?' Our year 5s will be answering these questions - What is in our solar system? and What can forces do?

In **Art**, the children will be completing a project on shadow puppets. We will take inspiration from other artists and cultures and make the processes and techniques our own by using materials, tools and narratives which are important to us.

In **DT**, we will be describing the features of biscuits using taste, texture and appearance. We will follow a recipe with support. We will also use a budget to plan a recipe and adapt a recipe using additional ingredients. These skills will culminate in a 'biscuit bake off!'

Children will continue to have PE on Wednesday and Friday.

As always our door is always open so please let us know if you have any queries or questions. Our class email will be checked weekly: eagles@thrupp.gloucs.sch.uk For anything urgent, please contact the school office or leave a message with the teacher on duty at the gate in the morning and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Remember to look at our class page on the school website to see what exciting things we have been doing!

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