

HOMEWORK in Eagles

In Eagles, children will have maths and topic homework.

Maths Homework will be given out weekly on a Friday and will be collected in on a Thursday.

We have created a list of other homework activities that are cross curricular for your child to choose from. We would like one activity to be completed and returned every two weeks. Details will follow on a separate Homework sheet which can also be found on the school website.

Topic homework will be handed in every other Tuesday.

We would appreciate your support in helping your child to complete their homework. Some homework activities can be completed by your child independently and some are intended to be shared with someone else at home. Homework is consolidation and reinforcement for your child's learning and also gives you an opportunity to see what your child is doing in class.

Spelling Shed – at least twice a week for 10-15 minutes

Children have logins for this website: <https://play.edshed.com/en-gb/login>. A new spelling list will be set for your child to work on each week, linked to the spellings they are working on at school.

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

Children have logins for this website: <https://play.ttrockstars.com/>

In the summer term, the Year 4 children will be taking the **Multiplication Tables Check**, a national statutory assessment. They will be tested using an on-screen check (on a computer or a tablet), where they will have to answer multiplication questions against the clock. So having a solid understanding and a quick recall of the times tables is very important - regular practice is invaluable to achieve this!

Reading – at least 3 times a week

Please continue to read fiction and non-fiction with your child and record comments in their reading record. All reading is positive, including newspapers, magazines and online information. Children should record at least three comments in their reading records a week and they should have their reading book and reading record in school daily.

Thrupp Primary School



**Information for Parents
Term 1 and 2
Autumn 2024**

**Eagles
Mrs Bass and Mrs Catt**

Dear Parents,

Welcome back everyone! We hope you have all had a fantastic summer break and your batteries have been recharged ready for the new school year. We are very much looking forward to this year and we have many exciting things planned for the children, with lots of learning on the way!

We have a great team working in Eagles this year. Mrs Bass will teach on a Monday & Tuesday, Mrs Catt will teach on a Wednesday & Thursday and Mrs Stephenson will teach the class on a Friday. We are also very fortunate to have the support of our teaching assistant Mrs Black.

Our topic in terms 1 and 2 is **Journey Through Time! In History**, our key question will be – **How has Gloucester changed over time?** This is the key knowledge (also known as sticky knowledge) that we will be learning:

- I know that Gloucester has been a major settlement for over 2000 years.
- I know that the Romans built a large settlement called Glevum in this location as it was a good place to cross the River Severn into Wales.
- I know that Ethelfleda, the daughter of King Alfred the Great, developed the city in the Anglo-Saxon period.
- I know that the Domesday Book records Gloucester as having equal status to London.
- I know that the docks and canal made Gloucester a centre for trade.

We are hoping to plan a trip to Gloucester later in the year to look for evidence of the changes through time.

In **Geography** our key question is - **What makes a good place to live?** We will be learning about the development of settlements over time. This is the sticky knowledge:

- I know the key features of a village, a town and a city.
- I know why people may choose to live in cities.
- I know that land can be used for many things including agriculture, housing, industrial, business, leisure and retail.
- I know that many UK settlements have existed for thousands of years, created by early settlers like the Romans, Vikings and Anglo-Saxons.
- I know that Thrupp was originally a village but has now merged with Stroud town.

Our **English** will be taught through some high-quality fiction texts. We will be writing stories, persuasive texts and recounts. **Spelling** will be taught in year groups once a week and will continue to be linked to Spelling Shed (please see Homework section). **Whole class guided reading** will be continue to be taught in separate year groups as well. Year 4 will be reading *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* by Kate DiCamillo and Year 5 will be reading *The Adventures of Podkin One-Ear* by Keiran Larwood. If you are able to supply a copy of the text for your child, it would be really beneficial for them to have their own copy.

Our **Maths** work will include work on number and place value as the children learn to work with higher numbers. The children will also become familiar with Roman numerals. We will also be focusing on addition, subtraction, multiplication and division skills, as well as units on length, perimeter and area.

In **Art**, we will be mainly developing our drawing and sketching skills. We will evolve these skills into sculpture, where we will transform 2D images into 3D representations. In DT we will be looking at healthy meals and using that knowledge to adapt and cook a dish.

Science will be taught as separate year groups. The Year 4s will be learning about teeth and the human digestive system, and electricity. The Year 5s will be investigating properties and changes to materials.

PE will take place on a Wednesday and a Friday. On a Wednesday the children will be doing outdoor games–Principles of Play & Netball-and will need to come to school dressed in their outdoor PE kit. On Friday we will be doing dance and gymnastics.

Be The Best Fridays will continue to take place on a Friday afternoon. For the first half term the Year 5s will be at Forest School, so will need to come to school suitably attired! The Year 4s will be learning to play the clarinet! They will be receiving tuition from Gloucestershire Music.

If you have any questions about your child or what we are doing in class, then please don't hesitate to let us know. 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