

### **HOMEWORK in Eagles**

Children will have a weekly piece of maths that will be given out on a Thursday, to be completed and returned the following Thursday.

We have created a list of other homework activities that are cross curricular for your child to choose from. We would like at least one activity to be completed and returned on a Tuesday every two weeks. Details will follow on a separate Homework sheet.

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. Please support your children in learning these spellings; we are able to check their progress with these online.

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

Children have logins for this website: <https://play.ttrockstars.com/>  
We will log on each week to check children's progress.

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**

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. Children will also read in school independently, as part of group and in whole class guided reading sessions therefore they should have their reading book and reading record in school daily.

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

# Thrupp Primary School



**Information for Parents  
Term 1 and 2  
Autumn 2023**

**Eagles  
Mrs Catt and Mrs Bass**

Dear Parents,

Welcome back everyone! We hope you have all had fabulous Summer holidays 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. We have planned lots of fun, 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 Miss Barwell will teach the class on a Friday. We are also very fortunate to have the support of our teaching assistants Mrs Black and Mrs Hepper who will work with the children over the course of the week.

Our topic in terms 1 and 2 is **The Vikings!** In **History**, our key question will be – **Were the Vikings raiders or settlers?** This is the key knowledge (also known as sticky knowledge) that we will be learning:

- I know that the Vikings came from the area where Scandinavian countries are today.
- I know that not all Vikings were warriors, many were traders, explorers and farmers.
- I know that Danegeld was a system where Anglo-Saxon Kings would pay the Vikings to make sure they did not attack their kingdoms.
- I know that the Vikings carried out a violent raid on Lindisfarne Monastery.
- I know that Vikings did not wear horns on their helmets.

These handy websites may be a place where your child can start their knowledge journey!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/ztyr9j6>  
<http://primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/vikings.html>  
<https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/history/vikings>  
<https://www.theschoolrun.com/homework-help/vikings>

Our **Geography** work will link to the Vikings and our key question is - **How does a river travel?** This is the sticky knowledge that we will be learning:

- I know that our closest river is the River Frome.
- I know that the longest river in the UK is the River Severn (our closest major river) and that the source of the River Thames is also located in our area.
- I know that rivers have sources, channels, tributaries and mouths.
- I know that rivers receive water from a wide area and flows eventually into a lake or the sea.
- I know that the water cycle has three main stages: precipitation, evaporation and condensation.

Our **English** will be taught through some fantastic fiction and non-fiction books which link to our Viking topic, including Viking sagas and myths. We will be writing persuasive texts, recounts, instructions and stories. **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 taught in separate year groups this year. Year 4 will be reading *How to Train Your Dragon* and Year 5 will be reading *The Wizards of Once*, both by Cressida Cowell. 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 researching Viking art work and patterns. We will be using this as inspiration to design and make Viking inspired prints.

**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 - Netball & Tag Rugby -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 violin! 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](mailto: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!**

