

HOMEWORK in Eagles

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

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

Topic homework will be handed in every other Tuesday.

A separate sheet explaining topic homework for this term will follow this week; this can also be found on our class page on the school website. We had some really fantastic pieces of work last term and we are looking forward to seeing what the children produce this term.

We also expect children to continue with regular reading, Spelling Shed and Times Tables Rockstars through the week.

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

Please continue to read fiction and non-fiction with your child and record comments in their reading record. Any reading that you can encourage your children to do is fantastic, including newspapers, magazines and online information. Children will also read in school independently, as part of group and in whole class reading sessions therefore they should have their reading book and reading record in school daily.

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!

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

Thrupp Primary School



**Information for Parents
Term 3 and 4
Spring 2024**

**Eagles
Mrs Catt and Mrs Bass**

Happy New Year to you all!

We hope you have had a happy and healthy Christmas with your families and batteries are now recharged and raring to go for this term.

Our topic in terms 3 and 4 is **Victorian Stroud**.

In **History**, our key question will be – **What was happening in the UK when Thrupp School was built?** This is the key knowledge (also known as sticky knowledge) that we will be learning:

- I know that Queen Victoria reigned from 1837 to 1901.
- I know that our school was built in 1862 which was during the Industrial Revolution.
- I know that the wool industry was the reason for Stroud's growth and why there are so many mills.
- I know that the invention of steam railways significantly changed Britain and our local area.
- I know and can explain what school life was like for children at the time when Thrupp School was first built.

We will be investigating various aspects of Victorian life in order to compare with life today including the mills, the arrival of the railway, and what life was like for children at this time. We also have an exciting school trip planned for March which will allow the children to really experience what it was like going to school in Victorian times (more details to follow soon) If you or your families have any interesting stories/objects/photos or artefacts that will enrich our learning we would love to see them!

Some useful websites to support the children's learning are:

<https://www.stroudtextiletrust.org.uk/>

<https://stroudwaterhistory.org.uk/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/victorians/>

<https://www.theschoolrun.com/homework-help/life-victorian-era>



In **English** we will be looking at the life of Victorian writer Charles Dickens and one of his most famous stories: Oliver Twist. We will be writing a range of fiction and non-fiction. Spelling and whole class guided reading will continue to be taught separately in year groups. **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 supply a copy of this text for your child, it would be really beneficial for them to have their own copy.

In **Geography** we will be learning about the wider contexts of places in the UK e.g. county, region, country and we will be answering the question - **How is Stroud connected to the rest of the UK?** This is the sticky knowledge we will be learning:

- I know that the UK is made up of Great Britain (England, Scotland and Wales) and Northern Ireland.
- I know that Stroud is located in Gloucestershire and I can name the bordering counties: Herefordshire, Worcestershire, Wiltshire, Somerset, Oxfordshire and Warwickshire.
- I know that Gloucestershire borders Wales.
- I know what the prime meridian is.
- I know how to identify road and rail links on maps.

In maths the year 5 focus units are: written methods for multiplication and division, decimals, fractions, decimals & percentages, and measurement (length, mass and capacity).

The year 4 topics are: multiplication and division (times table focus), geometry (properties of shapes and angles) and written methods for multiplication and division.

Science will also be taught in single year groups. Year 4 will be learning about Sound and Year 5's focus topic is Earth and Space.

In **Art** we will be researching the Pre-Raphaelite artists Millais, Waterhouse and Rossetti. We will produce our own versions of their iconic paintings.

In **DT** we will be working on a Structures Unit where we will be building different types of bridges.

PE sessions will be on Wednesday and Friday. Year 4 will also have Forest School on Friday afternoon so please ensure that your child is equipped for the cold weather!

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 what exciting things we have been doing!