

HOMEWORK in Eagles

Homework this term will continue in a similar way to last term. It has been requested that we align our hand in days with the rest of the school so it is more manageable for our families.

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

Topic homework will be handed in every other Tuesday.

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 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 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 already 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 which will link to the spellings we are working on in class. We are able to check the children's progress with these online.

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

Children already have logins for this website:

<https://play.trockstars.com/>

We will log on each week to check children's progress.

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

Thrupp Primary School



**Information for Parents
Terms 3 and 4
Spring 2023**

**Eagles
Mrs Catt and Mrs Bass**

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to you and your families! We hope you have had a wonderful Christmas and everyone has recharged their batteries ready for some super learning this term.

We are ready for another busy term in Eagles, we have some really lovely things planned linked to our new topic 'Amazing Amazon' which has a **Geography** focus. We will be learning about aspects of the rainforest including plants and animals and the threats to this precious environment. We will focus particularly on the Amazon Rainforest, the Amazon river basin and the continent of South America, comparing it to the UK. Later in the term, in **History**, we will be learning about the Mayan civilisation.

This will also link to our **Science** topics this term whereby both year groups will be learning about living things and their habitats. The children will learn about classification of living things, lifecycles, food chains and the impact of environmental change on plants and animals.

In **English**, we will be reading *The Great Kapok Tree* and the *Shaman's Apprentice*, which are set in the rainforest, and using these to inspire our fiction, non-fiction and poetry writing. We will also be learning about the mysterious disappearance of the explorer Percy H Fawcett. Our whole class reading text will be *Kensuke's Kingdom* by Michael Morpurgo – 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 **Art** we will be looking at the artist Henri Rousseau and borrowing some of his techniques and ideas. We will be using batik to make a unique piece of rainforest art.



In **Maths**, Year 4 will be working on multiplication & division and the formal written methods for these. They will also work on the written methods for addition and subtraction and a geometry unit: properties of shapes. Year 5s will also be working on the written methods for multiplication & division. Geometry: position & direction; Fractions, decimals & percentages and Measurement: Length, mass & capacity.

In **Design and Technology** we will be making rain sticks. We would be very grateful if you could please save any cardboard tubes such as poster rolls. We will also be making rainforest dioramas, so the children may come home requesting various bits and pieces to install in their rainforest habitats!

PE will take place on a Tuesday – this will be gym in term 3 and dance in term 4. Additionally, Year 5 will be doing Yoga as part of their Be the Best Fridays and Year 4 will be doing Forest School so please come to school appropriately dressed for those sessions.

As always our door is always open so please let us know if you have any queries or questions. Our class email is still active and 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!