

Eagles and Ospreys Class News

Summer Term 5 2019

**Etwall Primary
School**

Welcome back! We hope you have had a lovely Easter break and are rested and ready for the busy term ahead.

Maths and English

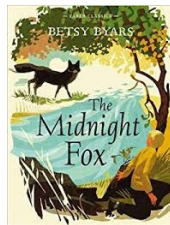
Remember:

- * PE kits need to be in school every day.
- * Reading journals will be checked every Friday (Eagles) and every Monday (Ospreys).
- * Spelling test is every Friday. Please support your child in learning their spellings.



English

In English this term we will be doing lots of grammar and spelling lessons to consolidate our knowledge of the Y5/6 objectives. We will also be reading stories from other cultures, and writing our own story in this genre. In our guided reading lessons and through our class reading book, we will continue to work on our infer-

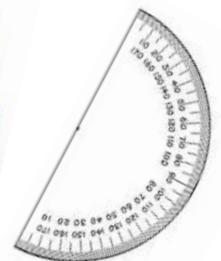


ence and deduction skills.

Maths

In maths we will be learning about geometry and properties of shapes. We will also be developing our reasoning skills through application of our skills to deeper knowledge problems. Although we will be practising our multiplication facts in school, the quicker the children can recall

these facts, the easier they will find the whole maths curriculum. Please encourage your child to practise these at home. Thank you.



Other subjects

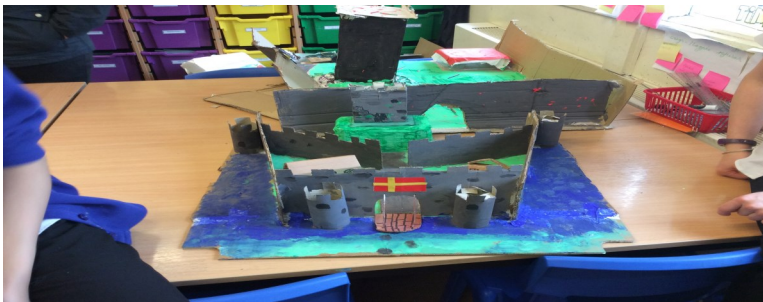
Our topic work this term is 'Will you ever see the water you drink again?' and we will be learning about the water cycle. Our science topic is 'Could you be the next CSI investigator?' (Properties of everyday materials.) For this topic, we will be classifying materials and conducting

investigations to help us to learn about solids, liquids and gases. In RE, our topic is 'How do believers express their faith through the arts?' In Citizenship our theme is 'Being responsible'. In PE we will be doing small base coor-

dination (floor movement patterns). In German we will be learning how to talk about our local area and our computing topic will be spreadsheets (collecting, analysing, evaluating and presenting data). Our art topic will be tonal drawings of landscapes and our music topic is 'Reflect, rewind and replay'.

Castle Building Showcase

We thoroughly enjoyed our Castle Building Showcase event last term. In the run up to this event, the children had thoroughly researched Norman castles and used this to sketch and design their own castles, and to write a report on the features of them. They then got to spend the day building and painting their castles, before showcasing them at the end of the day. We hope you were impressed with their work!



Learning together

Over the next term, we will be holding Learning Together and showcases events as follows, and we would like to warmly welcome you to join us for them.

Thank you for your continued support.

Thursday 2nd May: KS2 Learning Together: Spellings, 9:00-9:30 (learn how we teach spellings in KS2 and tips for helping your child to learn them at home).

Tuesday 25th June: KS2 Outdoor Learning showcase, 3:00-3:30 (join your child as they take part in an observation trail in the school grounds).

Useful websites!

We often get asked if we can recommend any websites that your child could go on to help them with their school work. Here are a couple that you might find useful:

www.interactive-resources.co.uk

The pupil log in and password are the same and are 'epsupil'. There is a folder for each class and when this is clicked on, the

games are regularly updated.

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/spelling_grammar

This website has on it some spelling and grammar games to help your child with the grammar and spelling objectives that we will be covering in class. There are notes to read, games to play and quizzes to do.



Year 6 assessments

In May, Year 6 pupils will be sitting their end of KS2 statutory assessments. These are on the mornings of w.b. 13th May. The children will sit SPAG (spelling, punctuation and grammar), reading and maths (arithmetic and reasoning) papers. They have been well prepared for these all year through their class work, and we will try our best to make

this week as relaxed as possible for the children.

It is very important that the children are on time to school every day this week and that they have a good breakfast and plenty of sleep each night, to help them to concentrate.

Thank you for your support.



Languages Day

On Wednesday 21st May, we will be holding our annual Languages Day. Student teachers from Derby University will be coming in to school to teach the children some new words and phrases in either German, Spanish or French. It is always a great day for everybody involved!



Air Ambulance

This year, as a school, we are raising money for the charity 'Air Ambulance'. It is also the theme of this year's well-dressing.

Please look out for further information in the forthcoming weeks, as we prepare to raise lots of money for this worthy cause through class fundraising events.

If you would like to make a donation to this worthy cause, please speak to Mrs Dixey.



Transition to John Port School

We have been asked by a few parents about the transition work that happens ready for children to move to John Port School.

Your child has already had a talk at the beginning of the year from John Port's head teacher Mrs Squire, and Mr Stephenson came in to speak to the Year 6's just before the Easter holidays. Your child has also been asked for the names of children that they would ideally like to be in a

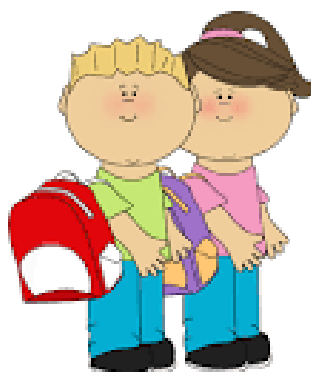
form with at John Port. John Port try to guarantee at least one of these names.

Mr Stephenson will be returning to school to speak to Mrs Dhillon and Miss Warburton, to find out about the children and who they work well with in class.

Class lists, languages studied and form tutors will be discussed with the children the school day before they go on their two visit days on 2nd and 3rd July. Information about the format of these days and what the children need to take with them will be sent

home when we receive it from John Port.

Because we are so close to the school, Year 6 have fortunately also been over to John Port to watch Beauty and the Beast and a Christmas carol concert so far this year, to help them feel more familiar with the school and confident about their transition. We hope to also visit them in the summer term to take part in some science lessons, led by their sixth form pupils. We will keep you updated on this event.



Recommended Reads

Time Travelling with a Hamster

By Ross Welford

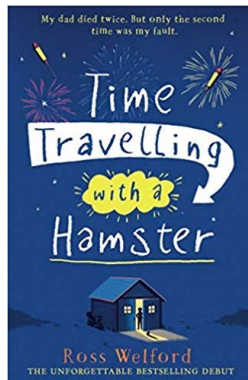
A story that crosses time and generations, for adventure-loving readers young and old.

“My dad died twice. Once when he was thirty nine and again four years later when he was twelve.”

On Al Chaudhury’s twelfth birthday his beloved Grandpa Byron gives him a letter from Al’s late father. In it Al receives a mission: travel back to 1984 in a secret time machine and save his father’s life.

Al soon discovers that time travel requires daring and imagination. It also requires lies, theft, setting his school on fire and ignoring philosophical advice from Grandpa Byron. All without losing his pet hamster, Alan Shearer...

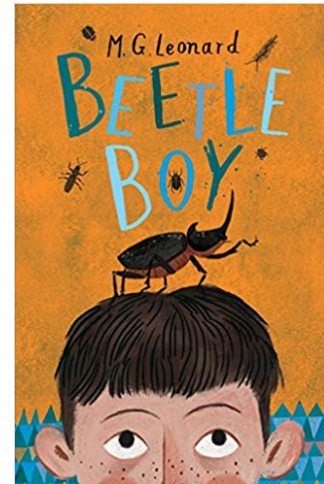
Time Travelling With a Hamster is a funny, heart-warming race-against-time – and across generations – adventure that you will won’t be able to put down.



Beetle Boy

By M G Leonard

Darkus can't believe his eyes when a huge insect drops out of the trouser leg of his horrible new neighbour. It's a giant beetle - and it seems to want to communicate. But how can a boy be friends with a beetle? And what does a beetle have to do with the disappearance of his dad and the arrival of Lucretia Cutter, with her taste for creepy jewellery?



Key dates for your diary

29th April - Back to school

2nd May—KS2 Learning Together event: Spellings, 9:00-9:30

3rd May—Book Swap Friday

13th—17th May —Y6 SATS week

18th—19th May—Well dressing weekend

20th May—23rd May—Y5 Bikeability (20th & 21st May Eagles & Ospreys Y5; 22nd & 23rd May Sparrowhawks Y5)

21st May—Languages Day

24th May—PTFA dress down recycling day & end of term