

Aslacton Primary School: Eagle class

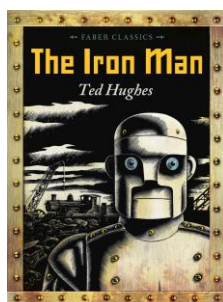
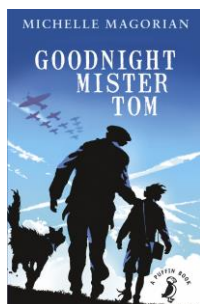
Spring term planning 2019 - Information for parents

Eagle class overview

Our key texts this term are:

Goodnight Mr Tom – by Michelle Magorian. A wonderful story about a young evacuee during World War Two.

The Iron Man – by Ted Hughes. A classic science-fiction story from 1968.



<i>Areas of learning</i>	<i>Activities</i>	<i>How learning can be supported at home</i>
English	<p>This half term our reading and writing composition will originate from our core story and the theme of WW2. We will continue to read, write and discuss a range of genres but the focus for this term will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Story openings • Character descriptions • Writing a recount • Short stories • Arguments and listing pros and cons <p>In our writing, we will be looking closely at story structures and planning. We will be exploring different story features – character description, suspense, dilemma, resolution and story endings.</p> <p>We will continue to improve and change our work during editing sessions. In</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listen to your child read daily. • Read our core story to the chapter set by the teacher. Individual copies will be sent home this half term. • Support your child with weekly homework tasks. • Help your child to learn their spellings. • Discuss the meanings of unfamiliar words when reading. • Ask questions when reading to check understanding and opinion.

	<p>grammar lessons we will be studying metaphors, personification, onomatopoeia and rhetorical questions. Our comprehension tasks will be taken directly from our core story and will encourage discussion and develop opinion.</p>	
Maths	<p>This half term we will be learning about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • place value in 7 digit numbers • number operations using brackets • rounding decimals • estimation • co-ordinates, translation and reflection • long multiplication and division <p>Eagles will continue to approach reasoning and arithmetic questions. We will also be tackling longer worded problems.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help your child learn their times tables up to 12 x 12. • Support your child with weekly homework tasks. • Ensure that your child can tell the time to the nearest minute. • Discuss money addition, discounts and totals when shopping.
Science	<p><u>Light and Shadows</u> We will explore how light appears to travel in straight lines. We will think carefully about a range of different light sources. We will explore the formation and shape of shadows.</p> <p><u>Earth and Space</u> Eagles will be learning about the movement of the Earth, and other planets, relative to the Sun in the solar system. We will describe the movement of the Moon relative to the Earth. We will also learn how to explain the Earth's rotation and day and night.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draw around your shadow on a sunny day. How does your shadow change position at different times during the day? • Find objects at home that are different light sources. Find materials and household items that are reflective. • Read non-fiction texts on the solar system. • Look up time differences around the world.
Geography and History	<p>This half term we will be looking at maps of the world. We will be locating and mapping countries, major and capital cities. In History lessons, we will be studying the chronological events of World War Two. We will be learning about social life during the war and what life was like for an evacuee.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Look at an atlas to place European countries and focus on those countries involved in WW2. • Discuss what different objects and photographs can teach us about the past. • Look at examples of WW2 posters.

Social, Moral, Spiritual Emotional and Cultural	<p>Social - collaborative work in our Children's Voice Groups.</p> <p>Moral – Learning about following rules and helping others.</p> <p>Spiritual – Learning from others' beliefs and appreciating how lucky we are to be able to stand up for what we believe in.</p> <p>Cultural – Learning from other cultures and how they celebrate special events.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask children what was discussed during their Children's Voice sessions on a Wednesday afternoon. • Discuss issues in the news.
R.E.	<p>This term we will be focusing upon two different religions and world views. We will be studying Buddhism and Christianity. We will be looking at worship, different Gods, places of worship and festivals and celebrations.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk about your beliefs and values at home. • Research Buddhism and main beliefs.
Computing	<p>We will be having our 'hour of code' week in January where children will take part in daily computer science lessons using a range of programmes including 'Scratch' and our VLE, DBPrimary.</p> <p>Children will continue to learn about keeping safe online and we will use IT to enhance our learning in a range of ways including the use of iPad, cameras and laptops.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage children to use DB Primary at home and ask them to show you the activities that they are doing. • Discuss online safety regularly.
Art/D.T.	<p><u>First Half Term - Painting and colour mixing</u></p> <p>Eagles will be creating a range of backgrounds using colour wash techniques. We will be using brushes to create different effects.</p> <p>The children will be focusing upon portraits of Winston Churchill and studying the work of the famous artist Graham Sutherland.</p> <p><u>Second Half Term – Mixed Media</u></p> <p>We will be using a range of different materials and media in art. We will combine photographic images with other media to create art work. We will also experiment with graphics and text.</p> <p>In <u>D.T</u> the children will be designing and making their own air bomb/Anderson shelter using a range of woodwork skills.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research images and portraits of Winston Churchill. • Use a digital camera or i-pad to take photographs. • Practice editing and cropping photographic images.

	The children will also be making and designing their own evacuee suitcase.	
Music	We will be learning about pop ballads and hip hop music. We will be thinking about a range of different musical styles. We will be linking our literacy and topic learning to write and create our own rap music.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listen to, discuss and appreciate different musical styles. • Listen carefully to song lyrics and their meanings.
P.E.	<p><u>First half term</u></p> <p>We will be travelling as a class to Diss Leisure Centre for swimming lessons. We will be focusing on water safety, stroke and stamina in the water.</p> <p>We will also be taking part in gymnastics PE lessons where we will be developing our balancing and performing skills.</p> <p><u>Second half term</u></p> <p>We will be developing our attacking and defending skills which can be used in a range of indoor and outdoor games and activities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular physical activities like walking, cycling and playing in the garden. • Developing water safety skills to help children become strong swimmers.