Eagles Class - Year 2 Newsletter

Autumn 2 | 2026-27
Eastgate Academy

Welcome to Autumn 2!

We are excited to welcome the children back for another busy half-term full of learning, creativity and discovery. Below is an overview of what we will be exploring this term.

Literacy

Text Focus: Stardust by Jeanne Willis.

We will be using Stardust as an inspiration for our story writing and PSHE learning. The story follows Mabel, who dreams of being a star like her older sister. Through the story, Mabel learns that everyone is unique and special in their own way.

Key Vocabulary: character, setting, paragraph, adjective, verb, noun, sentence, prediction, feelings, unique.

Maths

Addition and Subtraction; Properties of Shape.

Children will develop confidence in calculations and reasoning.

Key Vocabulary: addition, subtraction, greater than, less than, equal, partition, number sentence, 2D shape, 3D shape, sides, vertices, faces.

Science

Animals, Including Humans and Their Environments. We will learn about habitats and microhabitats.

Key Vocabulary: habitat, microhabitat, environment, survive, shelter, food chain, offspring, living, dead, never alive.

Geography

Spatial Sense and Our Local Area.

We will create maps, use directions and interpret symbols.

Key Vocabulary: map, symbol, compass, direction, north, south, east, west, route, location.

Spanish

Greetings and Numbers to 10.

Key Vocabulary: hola, adiós, buenos días, gracias, uno, dos, tres, cuatro, cinco.

Computing

Online Safety.

Key Vocabulary: online, internet, password, personal information, safe, trusted adult, website.

Outdoor Learning

Spatial Sense and Habitats.

SPaG

We will continue learning Year 2 Common Exception Words and develop our understanding of paragraphs. We will also to continue learning our cursive handwriting reading for joining our letters successfully.

Key Vocabulary: paragraph, capital letter, full stop, question mark, exclamation mark, conjunction, adjective, suffix.

How You Can Help at Home

- Read Stardust together and discuss its themes of self-belief, kindness and celebrating differences.
- Practice addition and subtraction using everyday opportunities such as shopping, cooking or counting objects around the home.
- Explore local habitats during family walks and look for mini-beasts, birds and signs of wildlife.
- Continue to hear your child read regularly and discuss what they have read.
- Practice Year 2 Common Exception Words little and often.

Important Reminders

- Bring reading daily.
- Ensure PE kit and uniform are correct and clearly labelled. Children will need black shorts and white t-shirt for gymnastics in Autumn Term 2. Worn underneath a black jogging suit. Children will need to be able to remove and replace their shoes and socks independently.
- Coat clearly named.
- Encourage independence with organizing belongings and completing home learning. Homework will be sent home now on a weekly basis.