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Welcome to Eagles Class Spring Term 2 newsletter! We're excited for another half-term full of learning and discovery. Here's what Year 2 will be exploring this term:

Literacy

Text: Plants – An Encyclopaedia of Trees, Plants and Flowers (DK Books)

Focus: Fact File Writing

Children will learn to create clear and informative fact files linked to our Science topic. They will practise using headings and subheadings, organising information, and using scientific vocabulary to describe plants accurately.

Key Vocabulary: fact file, information, heading, subheading, non-fiction, observe, describe, plant, roots, stem, leaves, petals

Maths

We'll focus on Multiplication and Division, learning to create equal groups, use arrays and understand how to divide by sharing and grouping. Later, we'll explore Money, recognising coins and notes and solving real-life problems involving totals and change.

Key Vocabulary: multiply, divide, equal groups, arrays, pence, pounds, coins, notes, total, change

Science

Our topic is Plants. Children will explore what plants need to grow, identify common plants and trees, and learn the function of the roots, stem, leaves and flowers. We'll also carry out simple investigations and observations over time.

Key Vocabulary: seed, bulb, roots, stem, leaves, flower, germinate, water, sunlight, soil, temperature

Geography

This half-term we are learning about The British Isles. Children will explore the four countries of the UK, their capital cities, surrounding seas and key physical features. They will use maps and atlases to develop their locational knowledge.

Key Vocabulary: United Kingdom, England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, capital city, island, sea, map, compass, north, south, east, west

Design Technology

Our DT unit is The History of Pizza and Making Pizzas. Children will learn where pizza comes from, explore different toppings and textures, and design and make their own pizzas using safe food-handling techniques.

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Key Vocabulary: recipe, ingredients, dough, toppings, prepare, hygiene, design, evaluate

Computing

Our focus continues to be Coding. Pupils will learn how to write and improve simple programs, follow algorithms and debug errors. We'll also reinforce online safety strategies.

Key Vocabulary: algorithm, code, program, sequence, debug, safe, online safety

Music

We'll enjoy singing and playing instruments to the theme "I Wanna Play in a Band" and continue exploring Tudor songs and nursery rhymes.

Key Vocabulary: beat, rhythm, tempo, instrument, melody, verse, chorus

Religious Education

We'll reflect on Nature and God, exploring how different faiths view the natural world and how people show respect and care for it.

Key Vocabulary: nature, creation, respect, faith, belief, community

Outdoor Learning

Outdoor Learning this term includes: Pizza cooking (linked to DT) and plant investigations (supporting Science).

Key Vocabulary: plant, seed, water, grow, care, cook, prepare, mix

How you can help at home:

- Read information texts together and practise spotting headings and facts.
- Explore multiplication and division using everyday objects (e.g., equal groups of snacks).
- Look for signs of spring outdoors and talk about plant growth and changes.
- Let children help with simple cooking tasks, practising safe preparation skills.

Kind regards,

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