

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Golden Eagles! We are delighted to begin a new academic year and look forward to the exciting term ahead. This year, the class will be taught by Ms Bagnall on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays, and by Mrs Frohlich on Wednesdays and Thursdays. This term Miss Bishton will join the school to teach the children on Tuesday afternoons. We hope your child had an enjoyable summer break and is feeling refreshed and enthusiastic about the new school year.

During the mornings, the children will continue to focus on core subjects including mathematics, writing, grammar and reading. Our afternoons will be dedicated to enquiry-based learning across a variety of subjects such as science, art, PE, and music, providing children with a broad and balanced curriculum.

Each term we focus on specific subjects in greater depth. This term, our main enquiry question is "*How do we all live together?*"—a history-led topic through which children will explore the ancient Greeks and reflect on the influence of their society on our own. In religious education, we will be exploring the question "*Science and religion: conflicting or complementary?*", encouraging thoughtful discussion and critical thinking. In PSHE, following our **Jigsaw** programme, we will begin the year by focusing on *Zones of Regulation*. This will support children in recognising the wide and normal range of emotions we all experience and help them develop strategies for self-regulation and emotional wellbeing.

PE will continue to take place twice a week, on **Tuesdays and Thursdays**. On these days, children should come to school wearing their PE kits (black shorts/leggings/joggers and white/red plain t-shirts with **trainers**). During this term, British weather is unpredictable; please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for outdoor activities, come rain or shine!

We strongly believe that reading is fundamental to every child's learning and development. We kindly ask for your support in encouraging regular reading at home. Children are welcome to borrow books from our class library, which offers a wide selection of engaging titles. If you happen to have any books in good condition that you would like to donate, we would be most grateful.

In addition to reading, we encourage all children to continue practising their spellings at home. Last year, we introduced a new spelling scheme, and this year we will be making some small changes to how spellings are sent home to support practice. We truly appreciate your help in working with your child on these important skills.

Each day, we expect children to bring with them a water bottle and their reading book. Children can bring in a pencil case, such as colouring pens, if they wish. Please do not allow children to bring other items into school from home, such as makeup or toys. These things often distract from learning and can cause issues if they become lost. Children must also have a change of shoes for outdoor play. These must be kept in school and can be either wellies or football boots. Please check that footwear from last year still fits your child if they have been left in school.

Should you have any questions or concerns throughout the term, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us. We value your support and look forward to a successful term working together.

Kind regards,

Sarah Bagnall Victoria Frohlich