

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had a restful break. We would like to begin by saying how proud we are of the children in Golden Eagles for their fantastic attitude to learning last term. Throughout Term 3, they demonstrated focus, resilience and maturity in their work, and the progress they are making is clear to see. Their creative bird artwork inspired by John James Audubon was particularly impressive, showcasing both careful observation and beautiful technique. We also had a wonderful trip to Aust Beach, where the children represented the school brilliantly while fossil hunting and learning how rocks and fossils help us understand the past.

Looking ahead to this term, we have some exciting learning planned. Our enquiries will be:

**‘How big is our carbon footprint?’**

In this enquiry, the children will mainly work within the scientist state of being as they explore both digital and carbon footprints. They will investigate how our daily choices impact the environment and consider practical steps we can take to reduce our footprint as well as constructing and drawing electrical circuits.

**‘Where does our food really come from?’**

Here, we will explore food miles, global trade and where our food is sourced from around the world. We will also investigate foods grown locally and will have the opportunity to design, cook and package a food item using local ingredients. To bring this learning to life, we are planning a visit to a local farm to see food production in action—more details to follow soon.

In Maths, Year 6 will be recapping and consolidating their learning from across the year so far, ensuring they feel confident and secure in key concepts. Year 5 will continue their deeper learning in shape, measures, decimals and fractions, building fluency and reasoning skills.

In Authors lessons, we will be reading *Darwin’s Dragons* by Lindsay Galvin. The children will use this rich text as inspiration to write non-chronological reports about imagined animals, as well as persuasive letters arguing for the protection of dragons. We are looking forward to seeing their creativity and developing writing skills shine through.

Maypole practice will also be starting this term on Mondays, and we are very much looking forward to this exciting seasonal tradition. PE will be on Mondays and Tuesdays this term.

Finally, please ensure your child comes to school each day with a water bottle, a coat and well-fitting wellies. A number of children have mentioned that their field footwear no longer fits, and some have been arriving without coats. As we spend time learning outdoors in all weathers, it is essential that they are properly equipped.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are looking forward to another busy and rewarding term with Golden Eagles.

Warm regards,

Sarah Bagnall and Victoria Frohlich