

Eagle & Woodpecker Class Newsletter

Autumn 1 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

We hope you had a lovely summer break and are looking forward to an exciting new school year.

We would like to share with you some of the activities happening in Woodpecker this half term.



Eagles & Woodpeckers Class topic



Our topic this half term is 'What If?', with a focus on inventions and using our imagination. Throughout this topic we will cover:

Science - Exploring a variety of materials, their uses and purposes.

History - Exploring old and new and inventors from the past.

Art - Junk modelling - creating 3d structures using recycled materials

Food Tech - Following and creating recipes

PE - Cycling and Swimming

PE

Eagles and Woodpeckers will both be swimming weekly on Thursday mornings, starting 10th September. A full letter will follow for this. Our in-school cycling and scooter session will be on a Friday afternoon and is weather dependent for safety reasons. Bikes and helmets will be provided as usual. Children are welcome to change into PE kits for these sessions, but this is not compulsory.

Reminder

With cooler and wetter weather on the way, please ensure your child has appropriate clothing in school, or a change of clothes in school if appropriate. We have a good selection of wellies in school, but if you can provide a pair of named wellies to be kept in school, that would be helpful for outdoor learning.

The Year 5/6 team this year are:

Mr Matt Winterman, Mrs Jess Cains

Support Staff: Cheryl, Amy, Dan, Debbie, Sam, Zoe, Reanna.

Julie and Ryan provide lunchtime support

Maths



In Maths this term we will focus on counting and place value in our 'number' lessons, with addition and subtraction the focus during 'operation' lessons.

Our Friday Maths 'topic' lessons will focus on data collection, collecting and comparing a variety of data.

English



In English this term we are focusing on sentence structure and word classes.

We will also continue with daily phonics sessions, reading activities and speaking and listening skills.

We will also explore colourful semantics.

Important dates

Here are some important school dates coming up to let you know about:

10th September - Swimming starts weekly

22nd October - Last day of half term for children

23rd October - Inset day

2nd November - First day of Autumn Two

Please keep an eye in your child's schoolbag for letter and updates.