Eagle & Woodpecker Class Newsletter
Autumn 2 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

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

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



Eagles & Woodpeckers Class topic



This half term our topic is "Hidden Worlds", where we will be exploring the fascinating world around us, both above and below the surface. Throughout the topic we will cover:

Science – Living Things and Their Habitats

Geography – Continents, Oceans, Rivers and Mountains

Art – Insect Drawing and Print Making

PSHE – Staying Safe in the Community

Computing – IT in the World Beyond School

PE – Team Building and Problem Solving Activities

Maths



In Maths we will continue to follow the NCETM Mastering Number approach, ensuring all pupils develop confidence and fluency in mathematical concepts.

This half term our Maths topic focus is Distance. We will be learning to: Compare distances using mathematical vocabulary, measure using both standard and non-standard units, Estimate and check measurements and apply our understanding to solve practical problems.

English



In English this term we are continuing to focus on building and writing sentences through colourful semantics.

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

We will explore a range of fiction and non-fictions texts.

PE



Eagles and Woodpeckers will both be swimming weekly on Thursday mornings, starting 5th November. 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 continue to provide lunchtime support

Important dates



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

5th November – Swimming starts weekly
11th November- Parent's Evening
12th November- Parent's Evening
13th November – Children in Need
20th November – Light Walk
18th December- Last Day of Term
4th January – First day of Spring 1
Please keep an eye in your child's schoolbag for letter and updates.