



NANSTALLON SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to Golden Eagle class.

I would like to start by thanking all of the children in Golden Eagle class for coming back after the summer holidays with such a positive attitude towards their learning. I would also like to thank all of the parents that have made me feel so welcome here at Nanstallon primary school.

As Year 5 and Year 6 children, we are developing a greater sense of responsibility, with children not only taking control of their learning through a child led curriculum, but also by helping and supporting younger children across the school by being playground and playtime leaders. The Golden Eagles are really thriving with this extra responsibility and are living up to their newly acquired motto 'soaring above the rest'.

When I first met your children back in the summer term, they suggested that they would like to learn about ancient civilisations, myths and legends, other cultures and Egypt. The topic of Ancient Egypt, which we will start next week encompasses all of these and is the beginning of our child led curriculum.

Reading

The children have just received their reading diaries for the term, and have had chance to choose their own reading book. Children can choose books from our class library or from the library area in the main corridor. They should have their books with them in school every day. We still value your help with listening to them read and quizzing them about the stories, themes and characters but request that your child take responsibility for recording their daily reading in their reading diary; you can then check and sign at the bottom of the page each week.

Homework

I will soon be sending out a homework menu, full of activities and tasks that link to our topic. Children will be asked to complete a task a week (more if they like) ready to bring in to share on a Friday afternoon.

Learning outside the classroom.

Please ensure that your child has a waterproof coat in school every day. Not only will this keep them warm and dry at play and lunch times, but will also mean that we are able to get outside and extend our learning into the 'real world'.

We will have PE on a Monday afternoon, and will be doing this outside whenever possible. Please ensure that your child has suitable and appropriate kit, which can be kept in school in their lockers. The Golden eagle will also be swimming on a Wednesday afternoon, so will need to bring their swimming kit on these days. As a point of safety, please ensure long hair is tied back and earrings are removed on PE days.

Health and Wellbeing

"If there is magic on this planet, it is contained in water." – Loren Eiseley

Food and water are our body's fuel. Please ensure that your child has a healthy snack each day, and a water bottle which they can keep refilled with cold fresh water from the dispenser in the hall. As a school we understand that we cannot perform optimally if we are hungry or thirsty, therefore have made the decision that children can eat their snack whenever they need to throughout the morning.

I am really excited about what this year holds in store for the Golden Eagles, and must reiterate what a fantastic start we have had so far. The children really are setting a great example to their peers. Please feel free to come and have a chat should you have any queries or concerns, or even to just introduce yourself; my door is always open.

Regards,

Mr. A. Langdon