



Enquiring Eagles Class Newsletter

Autumn 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 4 and the Enquiring Eagles Class. I am Mrs Hill, the class teacher, and Mrs Meyer will be the class teaching assistant. We are looking forward to a really positive year for our children. To help that get off to a good start, I include some information that should be useful for you. If there is anything else you would like to know or you want some clarification, please feel free to message on Class Dojo or catch me at the end of the day. If you have an urgent message for me during the day, please contact the office as I am usually unable to respond to messages during teaching hours. Thank you.

Reading

The ability to read accurately and fluently is the most important factor in improving children's attainment across the curriculum. Encouraging your child to read for pleasure - by finding something they enjoy reading - is one of the biggest ways you can support your child. All children will have the opportunity to select a book from the library which they would like to read. If the book they have selected is suitable for their age but too difficult for them to read independently, please find some time to read some to them regularly. Listening to children read aloud also allows you to ensure they understand what they have read. Even children who can read well benefit from having an adult listen to them read and from being read to. Please record in their reading record that you have heard them read or read their library book to them. It is helpful if children have a named book bag which is only used for books - NO WATER BOTTLES IN BOOK BAGS PLEASE.

Learning to Recall Multiplication Facts

By June, Year 4 pupils are expected to be able to rapidly recall all multiplication facts for times tables up to 12 x 12. Obviously, some pupils will find this more

difficult but we want to give all children the opportunity to show their best. We will be practising facts regularly in school but any practise at home would be really beneficial for the children. A few minutes per day is preferable to trying to practise for a long time less often. If there are particular areas your child needs to work on, I will let you know. A useful website to help learn times tables is: www.timestables.co.uk

On this site, there are lots of ways to learn each times table and, using the menu on the right-hand side, there is a multiplication check where children can practise a test similar to the one they will undertake in June. I have found that, the more familiar children are with using a computer for the test type questions, the more confident they become. It also shows you which questions they get incorrect to help them know which to practise.

PE

Our PE will usually be outdoors on a Wednesday afternoon this term. Children should come to school dressed in their PE kit on that day. The weather can be very unpredictable in the autumn term. Therefore, it is worth the children having layers they can add or remove. Please ensure they have shorts and t-shirt as well as jogging bottoms and a sweatshirt. See the school website for full details of the PE uniform. They should also have a coat they can wear in case the weather is very cold or wet. If at all possible, children should not wear earrings on PE days. If they have earrings in, they will have to remove them themselves for PE lessons. If earrings cannot be removed, they can bring in micropore tape to cover their ears. This is for their safety.

Homework

Homework will be given out on a Friday and will be due back in on the following Friday. We will give feedback in class each week.

Essential Items

Please ensure your child has a named, clean water bottle each day. Children may bring in a healthy snack each day. Please name any tubs you want returned. If children are bringing in a packed lunch, children should have their snack separate from their lunch. A pair of trainers should be brought in to wear for

outdoor play. They can be the same pair as used for PE if suitable. Trainers can be left at school. Please NAME ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING. This can just be their name written on the label in biro but it is essential items are named. If items are named, we can reunite lost items easily and save you from the stress of trying to identify one item from several that look identical. Full names, not just initials or codes, please.

The beginning of the autumn term is always exciting and I look forward to working with you all to help your child to achieve as much as they can. A love of learning is evident in the class from the short time I have already spent with them and I hope that we can develop this further by being 'Enquiring Eagles.'

Yours Faithfully

Mrs Hill