

WELCOME

A warm welcome to Year 3 and Eagles class; I am very much looking forward to working with both you and the children in the coming year.

Should you have any questions do please ask. Drop in before school or arrange a meeting with the office for after school. You can also contact me through Classdojo. Any questions can be answered, no matter how small you think they may be.



Topic

Our first topic this year is entitled 'Heroes & Villains'. We will be looking at superheroes and villains from the across the DC and Marvel Universe (as well as Disney Pixar and any other suitable animation!) to create biographies, creating alternative fairy tales and writing a Superhero rap.

Outside of English, we will make a hero flipbook and look at creating a Pay it Forward campaign in school.

During the first term, we will be holding our very own superhero day. I shall contact you nearer the time with more details but put your thinking caps on for who you think is your hero and why.

Maths

In Maths, our target for this term is to be able to answer some real-life addition and subtraction questions. In order to do this, we will be looking at place value, making sense of numbers by ordering and comparing, number bonds to 10 then 20, near multiples and exploring calculation strategies. We will also start learning how to reason mathematically.

Home Learning

Home learning is set to either consolidate or extend your child's learning from school. Therefore, it is important they take responsibility for completing it and handing it in on time. Do come and see me/contact me if you do not understand any part of the homework. Spellings will be included in the English home learning and times tables will be an integral part of the Maths home learning every week. The children will be tested on both on a Friday morning.

If your child needs additional support with their homework, please let us know with plenty of time so we are able to support them in completing it successfully.



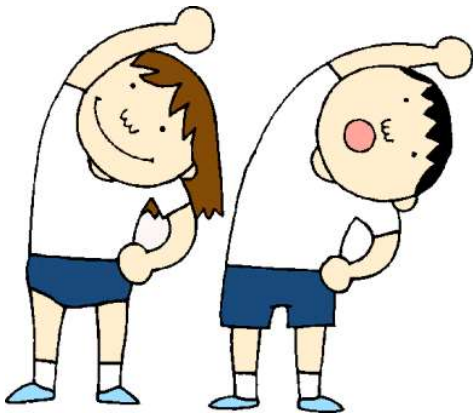
### Home learning timetable:

English/topic home learning will be set on a **Thursday** and due in on the following **Tuesday**.

Maths will be given out on a **Friday** and due in by the following **Wednesday**.

Spellings will be sent out on a **Monday** and the children will be tested on these spellings the following week. Both spellings and the tests will be in the same book.

Classdojo points up for grabs for those that submit their homework early!



### PE

Please ensure the children's PE kits are in school every day. This should include a tracksuit in case the weather is cold. If you are not sure what they should be wearing at/ bringing to school, get in touch. The schedule PE day is Wednesday, but we may go out at other times during the week.

### Other information

RE - This term we will be looking at the question "What is it like to follow [a] God?"

French - the children start to study French this term, and we will be looking at basic vocabulary around themselves, such as introducing themselves, saying their age, pets, family etc. This is a heavy focus on speaking the language to start with.

Reading - We will continue to use Accelerated Reader for book quizzes, tests and reading bands. If you want to know more about what this is then go to <http://www.renlearn.co.uk/accelerated-reader/>

Please try your best to make sure snacks and packed lunches are of the healthy variety, and that your child brings a water bottle (named) to school.



### How you can help at home

-Practise times tables with your children where you can. Start with the 2's, 5's and 10's before moving onto other times tables.



- Please do read EVERY NIGHT with your child. Sign their reading record and help them earn rewards at the end of each week! I cannot stress how much of a positive impact this has on your child's reading ability. Every time your child has read 5 times in a week, I will reward them with extra dojo points and a star. The stars will count towards rewards at the end of each term.

### Request for support

This year we are politely asking parents if they would not mind providing Pritt Sticks/glue sticks for use in class. Some children have already brought their own in, which is great. If everyone could do this that would be a real help as they are an invaluable resource and otherwise a real cost to the school. Your children are also allowed to bring in their own pencil cases to use at school but please be aware these are your child's responsibility and must be named.

