

Eagles

Year 6 have hit the ground running this term and are really applying themselves effectively to all aspects of their learning.

In English, the children are currently writing some excellent pieces which include a flashback and they are continually improving their skills in evaluating their writing and the impact it has on the reader.

Measures is the predominant focus for the first half term, with the children applying their understanding to solve a wide variety of problems. It is vital that children have a rapid and secure ability to convert between the different units of measure, so please continue to support your child in learning their key maths facts. (A revision booklet will be sent home soon which contains a variety of facts that your children need to know.)

It has been very pleasing to see the increased consistency with which the children are reading at home – this is massively important for their development – thank you for continuing to support and encourage them to read.

In PSHE we are engaged in our “Values Versus Violence” topic where the children have been required to think deeply about the qualities in people and themselves that they value, and the values associated with Family, Friendships. We will be progressing to considering the values of law, the emergency services, the value in “doing the right thing” and the choices we make.

PE continues on Monday and Thursday afternoons. Exercise is incredibly important for physical development, maintaining a healthy lifestyle and for mental well-being so please ensure that your child has the necessary PE kit with them for each session.

Homework:

Mathletics and Spellodrome homework is set each week for your child to complete online. The activities are specifically chosen to complement the Maths and English preparation for SATs and therefore it is very important for each child to complete the work set. If anyone has difficulty accessing the internet at home, we can make provision for them to use the computers at school.

Mathletics Club runs before school on Tuesday and Wednesday, providing another opportunity for children to complete their homework.

Children need to maintain their reading daily, for 20-30 minutes each day and write their comments into their Reading diary.

Further homework will be sent home, if it is required, and clear completion dates will be sent with this work.

SATs

We are building up to SATs but it is unlikely that your children will notice any difference within their lessons or the school day. The children are working hard and with continued focus we are confident that they will all be able to show the amazing progress they have made in their time at Bells Farm.

There are a few key ways in which you could help to support your child:

- Remember SATs are an opportunity for your child to show off their skills and to be proud of their achievements – there is no need to place pressure on children to perform
- Maintain consistent routines at bed time, ensuring children have adequate sleep (a number of children in class frequently are not able to perform to their potential because they are too tired)
- Ensure your child completes their homework
- Make sure they have opportunity to have fun and get outside to enjoy fresh air

Thank you for your support and we look forward to being able to celebrate your children's fantastic achievements.

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