



Eastbury Farm Primary School

Autumn Term 2023 - Curriculum Newsletter



Year 5/6 - Sycamore, Spruce and Willow



Dear Parents & Carers,

A warm welcome to you to this academic year at Eastbury Farm Primary School. We are excited about the year ahead and the opportunities the children will have to impress both you and us. This newsletter should provide you with an overview of the Autumn term.

Firstly, here is a brief introduction to the new 5.6 team: Mrs Williams – Sycamore Class Teacher & Upper Key Stage Two Leader, Miss Morley – Sycamore Class Teaching Assistant, Mr Davies – Willow Class Teacher, Mrs Patel – Willow Teaching Assistant, Mr Morton – Spruce Class Teacher and Mrs Dewji – Spruce Class Teaching Assistant.

A few reminders for this term:

Your child must have their PE kit on the appropriate days. If the children bring their kit on Monday and take the kit home on Friday for washing, this will ensure that PE kits are always available if lesson days change. All kit should be **clearly labelled**.

Please ensure that in addition to any packed lunch drinks, your child brings a named, clear, reusable plastic bottle of **water** to school every day. Please provide healthy snacks for your child for morning break times.

Thank you for your support with this and here's to an exciting term ahead!

HOME LEARNING

This Year we are continuing with online home learning.

Each week in Year 5 & 6, we will be sending home:

- Spelling (posted on the website every **Monday**)
- Maths (Activities will be set using MyMaths (log in can be found inside reading records and will be set every **Thursday** due for the following **Tuesday**)
- SPAG (log in can be found inside reading records and will be set every **Thursday** due for the following **Tuesday**)
- Topic (We set this as and when. You will receive communication by email for any topic home learning)

Reading & Reading Records

Each phase has a specific Reading Record with National Curriculum key words for phonics and reading along with many other spelling tools and checklists that you will find very useful. Home reading folders come to school **every day**. As well as changing books when required, they are also read in class most days. Please make sure that you record in the reading record **every time** your child reads or their books will not be changed.



PE Days

Sycamore:

Monday (outdoor)

Friday (indoor)

Spruce:

Tuesday (outdoor)

Friday (indoor)

Willow:

Thursday (indoor)

Tuesday (outdoor)

Children are required to have their correct PE kits in school **every day**. Please refer to the PE uniform guide on our website. Ensure all PE kit and school uniform is **clearly labelled** with your child's name. Throughout the year, the children will also receive further enrichment PE lessons.

Trips & Visitors

We are always looking at ways to enrich the curriculum and give the children lots of exciting learning opportunities. So far we have arranged the following trips and visitors.

Thursday 21 September: History Off the Wall Victorian Day (letter to follow). We will step back in time to explore what life was like as a Victorian child.

Week beginning Monday 25 September: Year 6 Bikeability Week

Thursday 12 October: Trip to Royal Gunpowder Mills to explore the life of Victorians.

What will we be learning about across the curriculum?

English: As writers, we will be analysing fiction from our literary heritage beginning with *The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe*. We will then establish our formal voice by studying Arthur Spiderwick's *Fieldguide to The Fantastic World Around Us* and creating many written pieces from this text.

Maths: As mathematicians, we will be focusing on place value and the four number operations at the beginning of term. Once we have mastered these, we will progress onto: decimals, fractions, percentages, algebra and ratio and proportion. We will ensure to develop reasoning skills throughout all of these topics.

Science: As scientists, we will be looking at materials and sorting them based on their properties. We are also learning about physical and chemical changes of materials. After half-term, we will be studying Earth and Space, including the solar system, movement of the moon and day and night.

Computing: As computer technologists, learning about communication and collaboration. We will develop and understand about sharing information online and review how we communicate using technology.

History: As historians, we are learning about Queen Victoria and how much of our lives today have evolved from the Victorian era.

Geography: As geographers, we are studying mountains from the continents of Europe and The Americas. We are concentrating on their physical and human characteristics.

Religious Education: In R.E we are focusing on identity and belonging within the Christian, Buddhist and Jewish faiths. We will also be exploring ultimate questions, allowing children to develop their own philosophies.

Art: As artists, we are focusing on the work of William Morris and we will be using printing and pattern to improve our mastery of artistic techniques.

Design and Technology: As designers, we will be cooking a range of Victorian's treats for a Victorian afternoon tea. We will also be planning and evaluating our products.

Physical Education: We will be learning a range of skills while learning the rules of netball. We will also be developing an understanding of fitness during Bootcamp. After half term, we will focus on our attacking and defending skills, while continuing to improve our fitness.

Spanish: We are learning words relating to classroom routines and clothes. We will be working towards oral presentation.

Music: As musicians, we are studying uplifting pop and jazz music. We will be composing our own music and performing using our voices and instruments.

PSHE: We will plan our year ahead and look at what makes a good citizen. After half-term, we are celebrating difference and focusing on what makes us unique.