

Emerald Class Newsletter—Summer Term 2025

Reading

Please continue to make sure your child is bringing their reading book home every day; it is fine to send them back into class after 3:15pm to retrieve it. It would be hugely beneficial to listen to your child read as much as possible, helping them to understand how to read aloud with attention to punctuation marks. Reading regularly benefits their ability to understand texts but also their confidence in approaching writing. I've really enjoyed seeing how many children have read sections of our guided reading books to their parents and carers.

Times tables

The national expectation is that by the end of Year Four, children will know all the times tables. In relation to our school's 'Times Table Marathon', this would be the same as working beyond gold level. Recalling their times tables quickly makes the work in Year Five and Six much easier for them.

If your child is not keen on using TT Rockstars, I would recommend using 'Hit the Button' (just search for it online) as this has less of a time pressure.

Homework

Weekly times table and spelling tests continue. The Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling book and MyMaths will also continue to be used. A special thank you for supporting your child with their half-termly projects. More details of these are within the topic descriptions.

PE times

PE will be on a Thursday morning and we will be swimming on a Wednesday afternoon.

Summer 1 Topic

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

This magical book will be the underlying theme of our work this half term. Our focus will be geography, with special attention paid to map skills. We will be improving our knowledge of capital cities in Europe and beyond. We will continue our science work regarding materials and their properties, focussing now on solubility and separating mixtures.

Homework: This one is a little different to usual. As we have such a focus on map reading skills, my suggestion is that the children try to find one or all of the 'Geocaches' hidden in Tiptree.

The Geocaching website and app can be found here <https://www.geocaching.com/sites/education/en/> Should you find any, feel free to send a photo of your find to the school's admin address with the subject FAO Miss Eglington, Geocache.

Don't hesitate to ask any questions about this one as I know it's a little different.

Summer 2 Topic

Allotment

This will have more of a science focus, looking at both plants and animals. During this unit we will need to cover science topics regarding changes in our bodies from birth to old age. In 2020, having consulted governors and parents, we decided to cover additional RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) subjects and so the children will be learning about puberty. I will be sending out more information well in advance of these lessons and so if you have any concerns, we will have plenty of chance to discuss them.

Homework: Please research an endangered animal and present your findings in any way you wish.

