

Y 3, 4 and 5 Autumn Newsletter

Attendance

Regular attendance is essential to ensure uninterrupted progress and to enable children to exceed their potential. We actively involve the children in achieving this by holding weekly assemblies with a reward for each class who has 100% attendance. Certificates are awarded termly and yearly for all children who achieve 100%. With these rewards in place, the children wholeheartedly strive to be part of the winning class and the support of each other is a pleasure to see; please support your child and ensure they are regular attenders.

Good attendance is important because: your child needs to be in the academy to be able to learn and achieve; lessons are taught in a sequence and it can be difficult to catch up if a lesson is missed; children need to have relationships with others and to form lasting friendships; it develops a child's confidence to attempt new work and to work alongside others.

Good attendance is vital when aiming to be a Leading Learner!



**EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS**

Pupil Reward Points

Being in the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing!

The reward scheme allows children to earn points for showing 'Green Behaviour' which may consist of trying hard in their work, being courteous and polite (possibly holding a door open), showing respect to others, arriving at school in time for registration and having the correct uniform. Children also earn 5 points if they are picked to celebrate their work in the Thursday 'Star of the Week' assembly. Children additionally earn points through job roles - the wage of points is preparing children for their later life. Children save points and spend them at the academy swap shop. We will keep you updated as to who the current leaders are.



Writing



Estcourt Primary Academy completes one hour of Big Writing each week which allows the children to produce an independent piece of extended writing, to 'show off' what they know and have learnt.

As well as this, there is an additional 30 minutes allocated to spelling strategies 4 times a week followed by a Friday spelling test. Once every term, children will have the opportunity to take part in a 'spelling bee' in which children challenge one another on their age related spellings. This is something the Academy introduced at the end of last year and the children really enjoyed it!



Maths and Times Table Rockstars

We have daily Maths sessions that are split into two thirty minute slots. This gives the adults in the classroom the opportunity to push those children who have accessed the task to harder and more difficult questions while giving support to those who may have found their maths task tricky to begin with.

We also have weekly arithmetic papers on a Friday to test our mental maths knowledge so we recommend plenty of times tables practise while at home. The academy has had a huge focus on practising times tables this term and this has shown an improvement in scores.



New to this term, all children have been given access to Times Table Rockstars. This is a fun, interactive and creative way for children to learn their Times Tables at home and at school. This format has very successfully boosted times tables recall speed for hundreds of thousands of pupils over the last 7 years in over 4500 schools - both primary and secondary - worldwide. All children should have been given their Times Table Rockstar login, if not, please see your class teacher who will be happy to give you a copy.

www.trockstars.com

Reading

This year, we are having a huge emphasis on whole class reading. Within this, we are reading for pleasure and exploring the vocabulary that has been used. In the first term, the children really enjoyed reading *Holes* and *Billionaire Boy*. This term, we will be closely looking at the following:

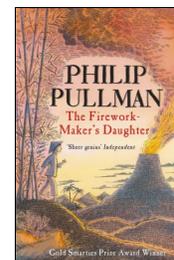
Dolphins: The Firework-Maker's Daughter

Eagles: The Firework-Maker's Daughter

Sharks: The Iron Man

Giraffes: Cool

If your child wants to bring in their own copy of their class novel, please feel free to do so. We ask that you put your child's name in the front to decrease risk of losing it.



P.E. / Sport

Any children who have their ears pierced must have them covered or removed for PE. Please send your child with something for them to cover their ears with e.g. medical tape or plasters.



Outdoor PE shoes are essential for the safety of your child.

On outdoor PE days, please ensure your child brings in warm clothing eg. Tracksuit bottoms, t-shirt and a hooded jacket.

Dolphins: Wednesday and Thursday (Outdoor)

Eagles: Tuesday (Outdoor) and Friday

Sharks: Tuesday (Outdoor and indoor)

Giraffes: Tuesday (Outdoor) and Monday

Excitingly, this term the Eagles and Sharks will be doing Rugby with a Hull KR Coach this half term.



Homework

Age related homework will be set each week.

It will consist of:

- **Maths:** this goes out on a Friday and is to be completed by the following Friday.
- **Spellings:** to be practised in preparation for a weekly spelling test every Friday.
- **Reading:** each child will have their own reading book, which they will need to practise at home. Children are required to read 4 x a week at home.

Ensuring this is completed every week, children will be rewarded with a reward trip at the end of the term!

Reading and Homework is essential for being a Leading Learner.

Topic

In this, the children will be exploring the wider curriculum. This provides them with the opportunity to experience a wider range of engaging foundation subjects.

Year 3: Who lived first in Britain?

Within this topic, the children will be exploring the Stone Age through to the Iron Age including hunter gatherers, early farming and shelters. They will have the opportunity to research primary and secondary resources as well as create Stone Age art.

Year 4: Why is the River Hull so important to Hull?

Within this topic, they will explore why the river Hull is important and creates jobs within the city. They will create amazing reflection art based on the Humber Bridge and look at a range of other cities that have rivers flowing through them.

Year 5: What's so special about the USA?

Within this topic, they will explore the lives of past Presidents and delve deeper into the history of America and its many ancestors. They will use primary and secondary resources to find out more about who the first Americans were and take a look at the rich sporting history.

Remember to keep up to date with us!

@EPADolphins

@EPAEagles

@EPASharks

@EPAGiraffes



The children love having replies and retweets on our twitter accounts. A huge thank you to all of the families and friends that have followed us! Please continue to encourage our children by replying and commenting on our tweets.

**We will be continuing
our school Tuck Shop.
Held daily
every breaktime.**

