

Eagle Owls Information for Parents 2018/2019



Teacher: Mr John Key



We would like to take this opportunity to welcome your child back to their new class and very much look forward to working together to build a partnership that will enable your child to do their very best during this year at Hambleton. The final years at Primary School are especially important as your child prepares for that big step into High School. We have found that

children do their best when you are actively involved and interested in what they do at school. Your involvement might range from talking to them about what they have been doing, to reading with them, helping with homework, or even coming into school to work with your own or other children. If you have any questions about what you can do to help your children, please ask and we will do what we can to help.

Curriculum: We work hard to produce a dynamic and stimulating curriculum and have been pleased to be given positive feedback from the children. They have a varied timetable which challenges and supports them across the full range of subjects. English and Maths are taught in year groups on a daily basis whilst other subjects are usually taught weekly, using a thematic approach whenever appropriate. Topics for this term include: Vikings; Materials (Science); Harvest; Fallen Fields (Centenary of the end of World War 1). Some topic work is taught in blocks, for example during curriculum enrichment days.

Maths and English will be taught in year groups. For this term the staffing is as follows: Y6 Mr Key; Y5 Miss Middlebrook. The pupils are taught maths using the Singapore Maths approach (Maths No Problem scheme). Regular practise of instant recall facts such as times tables, and concepts such as time that you can do with your child to support their learning will be greatly appreciated.

Autumn 2018 Initial Maths Topics	
Year 5	Year 6
Numbers to 1 million <i>Reading and writing numbers to 1 million; comparing and ordering them; rounding numbers.</i>	Numbers to 10 million <i>Reading and writing numbers to 10 million; comparing and ordering them; rounding numbers.</i>
Whole Numbers: Addition and Subtraction <i>Counting forwards and backwards to 1 million; adding and subtracting within 1 million.</i>	Four Operations on Whole Numbers <i>Multiplying; dividing; solving word problems; common multiples; common factors; prime numbers.</i>
Whole Numbers: Multiplication and Division <i>Multiples; factors; prime numbers; square and cube numbers; multiplying 10, 100 and 1000; multiplying up to 3-digit by 2-digit; dividing 4 digit numbers, including remainders.</i>	Fractions <i>Simplifying; comparing and ordering; adding and subtracting; multiplying; dividing a fraction by a whole number.</i>
Autumn 2018 Spelling Coverage	
Year 5	Year 6
Learning to spell and write in context words from the statutory Y5/Y6 word list - sent home with this newsletter as learning them is also part of the expected homework.	
Learning a range of spelling strategies list - sent home with this newsletter as using them is also part of the expected homework.	
Spellings including: -ough, silent letters, -able & -ible, homophones, plurals, hyphenated words.	Spellings including: -ably & -ibly, suffixes, homophones, -cious & -tious
Autumn 2018 Grammar Coverage	
Year 5	Year 6
Embellish simple sentences, secure use of compound sentences and develop use of complex sentences (subordinating conjunctions), using adverbial phrases to elaborate openers. Brackets, dashes and commas for parenthesis, conventions of writing dialogue, use of commas to separate clauses and clarify meaning	Embellish simple sentences, expanded noun phrases, alliteration, simile, modal verbs, relative pronouns, tenses (past, present and future). Revision of Year 5 work.

This term Eagle Owls are being taught Spanish by Mrs Watson, a specialist languages teacher from Selby High School - hopefully they will be able to share some of this with you at home and may wish to find out more in their own time.



Visits: Although there may be others planned during the year, the main focus will be our annual residential visits: information has already been shared about these.

- Y6 Dobroyd Castle (Todmorden) - Outdoor and Adventurous Activities (16-18 January)
- Y5 The Sill @ Hadrian's Wall - Roman Studies (1-3 May)



Playtime fruit/drink: Your child has been provided with their own water bottle which can be taken home each night to be washed - a hydrated brain is an active one so we encourage the children to drink plenty throughout the day. Many children bring a fruit snack for playtime - if your child does not then please re-consider this since they will be having no energy intake from breakfast until lunch and clearly cannot be performing to their potential. Please note that other playtime snacks are not permitted.

PE/ Games: PE days vary, depending upon weather and coaching staff. Pupils will need to wear red t-shirt and black shorts. For outdoor games the children may also wear additional warm clothing suitable for the activity - appropriate footwear (trainers or boots) and a change of socks are also necessary. No jewellery should be worn for health and safety reasons, and earrings should be removed. If your child cannot remove their own, it would be helpful if they were to leave them at home on days when they know they are doing physical activities. If children have just had their ears pierced and should not remove them until healed, we can make temporary arrangements for them to cover over them with tape if they bring some adhesive plasters or alternative (please write a request in your child's link book).



For the start of the Autumn Term the planned PE is: Tuesdays (Y6 games); Thursdays (gymnastics); Fridays (games).

Pupils have also been invited to join in with lunchtime clubs as follows: Monday - Tag Rugby; Tuesday - Boys' Football; Friday - Netball, Chess. After-school clubs: Tuesday - Girls' Football; Thursday - VV.

SATs

Please note that Year 6 SATs are due to take place during week commencing 13th May, 2019. Further information and guidance will be issued in due course.

Homework: Guidance on homework will be issued each half-term. The first of these should be received with this newsletter.



Young Leaders: In their final year at Hambleton School pupils have the exciting opportunity to participate in our bespoke Hambleton Young Leaders' initiative with the following aims:



- To learn more about themselves and others.
- To give all children opportunity to recognise leadership skills in themselves and other people.
- To develop new skills.
- To learn more about relationships with peer group/other children/adults.
- To encourage co-operation, teamwork, self-confidence, independence and communication.

We see this as a unique opportunity and trust you will fully support your Year 6 child in achieving success in the scheme.

We look forward to a positive partnership between home and school this year, so that together we can strive to make this a happy and successful one for your child.



Please keep up to date by reading the fortnightly Wise Up. In addition to this, a 'What's Happening' and Clubs List are sent out at the beginning of each term.