



English

Texts: This half term, our English text focus will be a newspaper report based on 'The Creature'. We will be reviewing how to write reported and direct speech and focusing on ensuring we have punctuated our writing correctly.

Handwriting: We will continue to join our writing and will complete discrete handwriting lessons each week. We will aim to use the joined writing style within independent writing consistently, working towards earning our pen licences!

Weekly spellings: Spelling will be taught explicitly and we will complete our end of term spelling quiz focusing on our Year 3/4 statutory spelling words!

Guided reading: We will have the opportunity to experience guided reading every day. This will include sharing a variety of texts, reading as a class, within pairs, independently and with our 'buddy' class.

History

Our history topic this half term focuses on the Vikings. Previously, we have explored the Romans and the Anglo-Saxons and their influence on Britain. We will finish year 4 by understanding who the Vikings were and the role they played in making Britain what it is today. Our history learning then continues in year 5 when we look at the next time period.

Any questions or queries please email Miss Adams at morpurgo@eynesbury.cambs.sch.uk

How you can help at home:

Talk about their day; discuss friendships and peaceful ways to sort out problems.

Read daily together, and question as your child reads to you, please sign their reading log.

Play spelling games to support with learning of spelling patterns.

Practise using maths in real life situations, e.g. using money, telling the time, measuring.

Complete Mathletics challenges.

Practise strategies to be efficient calculators.

Discuss, support and encourage your child to complete their weekly homework tasks.

RE

We will be learning about the languages the scriptures are written in. Understanding why some people want to learn the language their scripture is written. We will also look at how written traditions began.

Art

Art this half term focuses on the fabric of nature, we will be exploring the idea of repeating patterns using the world around us as our inspiration. The children will be creating their own pattern and thinking about the ways it can be used in the real world.

Personal Development

Our RSE unit this half term will explore the human life cycle, discuss what is needed to make a baby and explore what it means to be a grown-up, thinking about responsibilities and actions that someone may have to take when they are a grown up. We will also think about how we know someone is a grown up.

Physical Education

We will continue to develop our teamwork and communication skills building on our learning in Year 3.

Our PE days are on **Wednesday** and **Thursday**.

Maths

This half term we have an important focus will also be to continue to complete formal learning of every times table up to 12 x 12 in preparation for the year 4 times tables assessment during this term. We will also be focusing on time, shape and position and direction introducing new concepts such as line graphs as well as building on previous learning with our knowledge of angles and types of lines.