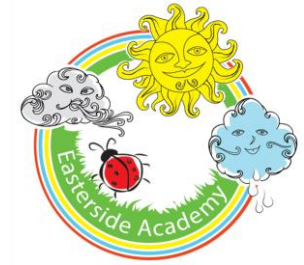


Spring Term

Well what a start to 2021!! This certainly wasn't the start we were hoping for! All of the staff at Easterside Academy would like nothing better than to be welcoming all of our children back to school as we usually do, however we are unable to do so at this time and must all do our bit to keep each other safe!

The children have been making great progress since September in just the short time they've been back at school and despite some children accessing learning at home and some in school, we hope that you continue to work in partnership with school to ensure that the progress of your child's learning continues during these unprecedented times.

Here is some information about what your child will be learning either in school or at home this term...

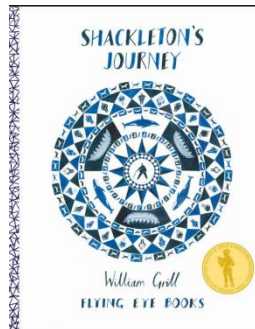


Curriculum Newsletter Spring Term 2021 Year 5 and 6

English

Your child's English lessons will follow the Power of Reading approach and will be based upon the book, '**Shackleton's Journey**' by **William Grill**.

They'll continue to apply the school's non-negotiables in relation to writing, where the expectation is to use joined up handwriting, correct punctuation and spell subject specific vocabulary correctly across a wide range of text types.



Maths

Maths this term will be focused around the **four operations**: +, -, x and ÷ and applying these to **measure, fractions, decimals and percentages**. They will continue to develop their fluency, reasoning and problem solving skills.

Can we prevent the
Frozen Kingdom from
disappearing?



Science

Adaptation,
Evolution and
Inheritance

PSHCE

Health and Well-being
How can we help in an accident or emergency?

RE

Living
What matters most to Christians and Humanists?

PE

Yoga and fitness to improve mental health

Computing

Cyberbullying and Coding

Music

70s
Ballad/
Pop

French

Days,
colours,
numbers

Topic

Year 5 and 6 will be investigating the enquiry question:

Can we prevent the Frozen Kingdom from disappearing?

They will be developing their skills as geographers and artists in relation to locational knowledge as well as developing their drawing skills.

PE

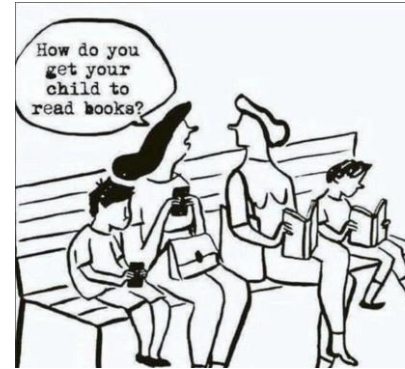
While children are at home taking part in their daily lessons remotely, it is essential that they look after themselves physically and mentally by participating in daily exercise. Y5/6 PE lessons will be scheduled on a **Tuesday and Thursday**



Reading

During lockdown, please keep reading!!
Children are timetabled to access Reading Plus daily
- See Seesaw

We encourage children to send an audio recording of themselves reading a few pages of their reading book weekly on Seesaw.
Please listen to your child read at least three times a week and record this in their reading diary.
Ensure your child uploads a picture of their reading diary on Seesaw every Friday! 😊



**THE MORE
THAT YOU READ,
THE MORE THINGS
YOU WILL KNOW.
THE MORE THAT
YOU LEARN,
THE MORE PLACES
YOU'LL GO**

- Dr. Seuss

Seesaw App
Download the
free app now!



CLASS

Online Learning!

Since September, we've been working hard with all of the children to ensure that they are familiar with using our online learning provision: **Seesaw!** We are confident that ALL children are able to use this app with ease as we have been making use of it in our daily lessons.

During Lockdown 3.0, in response to government guidance, schools are working extremely hard to provide lessons online for children as if they were in school - these lessons follow the National Curriculum.

Children are following the usual timetable that they would in school and time is planned for the use of other apps to support learning e.g. Reading Plus, Times Tables Rockstars and Spelling Shed. These should not replace daily lessons set by your child's class teacher.

Learning is sequential and is built up lesson by lesson. If your child misses a session, it may be difficult for them to catch up. Please support your child by maintaining consistency as if they were at school - we really don't want them to fall any further behind! **Thank you!**



Routines

During these unprecedented times, we encourage parents to aim to keep to usual routines. Please support children by ensuring that they go to sleep at a sensible time and also get up on a morning as if they were going to school.

Lessons online begin at

9am



HELP!!!

There is a team of staff available on **Seesaw** to support with your child's learning from 9am - 3pm.

Please encourage your child to post a message on Seesaw if they need any help and a member of staff will respond almost instantly! 😊



Be on time!! - Lessons begin online on Seesaw daily at 9am - Thank you!

If you have any questions or queries please feel free to contact school and speak to one of the teachers - Mrs Anderson, Miss Doe and Miss Tunney.

We are always happy to help! 😊

Reminder!

Please stick to government guidelines at home in order to keep us all safe!
Thank you! 😊