

Friday 14th March 2025

Spring Term 2025

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

This week our topic was "We are superheroes!" and our students celebrated their strengths, all the wonderful things they can do and the amazing young people they are. It was very moving to hear their growing confidence in themselves and their appreciation of their classmates and teachers too.

We are also working hard on British Science Week experiments and all the classes have been learning about aspects of STEM. Next week we are celebrating Red Nose Day with different activities and a Dress up Day on Friday with the theme "Crazy Red Costumes". All the students will be receiving a red nose and families who wish to contribute to Red Nose Day can send a £1 contribution next Friday.

Daniel Williams has been working hard on the new computing curriculum since he joined us as assistant head in the Summer Term. You can read about some of the work our students are doing in ICT and Coding in this edition and we will be following it up with some news next week about the robots we have bought as the next step in our journey towards making our computer curriculum excellent in every way.

We all wish you a lovely and hopefully sunny weekend!

Margaret Carey

Headteacher

Term start date:	Monday 6th January 2025
Term Ends:	Friday 4th April 2025
Half Term:	Monday 17th February to 21st February 2025
Easter Break starts:	Monday 7th April 2025
Easter Break Ends:	Monday 21st April 2025

Class News Crane Class



The Cranes have had a marvellous and as always a really busy week! We were fascinated to see that all our flowers are in full bloom in Gardening! Although the white crocuses are starting to die off, lots of purple ones have come through!

In Art we've been creating paintings in the style of Yayoi Kusama by doing potato printing. Later in the week we started to prepare the backgrounds for a new painting where we will be exploring smaller dot patterns.

In Science we learned about nocturnal animals and how they can have big eyes to help them see in the dark but that many of them can't see and have to rely on their sense of smell and their hearing to work out what's around them!

Finally we are proud to report that we are giving DJ Raphi a run for his money in PE. We are getting really good at the moves!

Class News Robin Class



Robin Class Weekly Newsletter

Well done, Robin Class, for another impactful week of learning!

This week, we combined Computing and Humanities by learning different commands and drafting a short piece of writing about a soldier's life during the Blitz. This cross-curricular approach allowed us to develop both technical and historical understanding.

In Art, we explored the work of French artist Henri Matisse, who used paper collages to create striking designs. Inspired by his style, Robin Class produced some fantastic artwork featuring bold shapes and organic images.

In English, we delved into Charlotte's Web by E.B. White (Chapter 2). We explored past tenses, identified speech marks in dialogue, and answered comprehension questions — excellent work from everyone!

In Food Tech, we enjoyed making Mixed Pasta Salad. We learned how to safely chop vegetables and enhance flavour with olive oil dressing.

"The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall." — Nelson Mandela



Class News Dove Class





This week in Dove, we focused on superheroes and our own superpowers. We explored what each of us excels at and shared stories about superheroes.

In PE, we continued to play ball and engage in team sports. We practiced basketball skills, such as bouncing the ball, worked on foot control in football, and practiced throwing and catching in rugby.

In maths, we concentrated on clocks, especially learning about the big hand and small hand, adjusting them to show o'clock times, and trying to relate them to a timetable. In English, we discussed when to use "ing" words for actions and connected them to our daily activities and individual subjects.

In computing, we continued working on our individual projects. Each student communicated about their favourite subjects, created titles, and inserted pictures into their documents to begin telling a story. In music, we sang along, attempting to match our voices to the music. In art, we explored artists who use dots in their work, creating colourful springtime dot art.

Class News Goldfinch Class



This week, we are celebrating British Science week. Goldfinch create their own "dirtcups" and learn about the fascinating world of worms and composting. The wormery activity also observed how worms break down organic materials which is essential for soil health.

In our stage 2 of Attention Autism. We used sponge to create a beautiful rainbow design.

In Food Tech, we made delicious chicken tacos. They get to choose from a variety of toppings and assemble their own tacos.

This week in Art, we are drawing inspiration from the famous artist Henri Matisse and his iconic leaf cut-outs. Our class made their own designs using bright colours and different shapes.

In Music, Mr. Joe introduced a new song by Beethoven, we all get to play the song using Piano. And some students in Goldfinch surprised us by their talents in playing the instrument by themselves.

And lastly, we used kinetic sand as tactile activity reinforcement and helped us in enhancing concentration and provide calming moments for our class. A wonderful job to everyone!



Class News Phoenix Class





This week was the start of British Science Week. We looked at how it all started and familiarised ourselves with the names of some famous scientists. Next week we shall be doing our own practical activities based on the theme of 'change and adaptation.'

In PSHE this week we thought about our personal strengths and turned ourselves into AI generated superheroes which we enjoyed sharing with Robin Class in our Friday assembly.

In Maths, we have been focusing on decimals looking at tenths and hundredths and then comparing and ordering decimal numbers.

In English, we have particularly focused on homophones and near homophones this week looking at the correct use of their, there and they're and where, wear, were and we're.

In Humanities, we continued to look at Roman Gods and finished creating posters about a chosen one.



Students are nominated weekly for a class award.

This week's EPS Eagle



Class Award goes to:

Crane: Kevin "For showing good listening skills." **Robin**: Degmo

"For learning her poem for

Poetry By Heart. "

Dove: Jakub

"For excellent IT work."

Goldfinch: Micah

"For listening well and making

good choices."

Phoenix: Taylor

WELL DONE!

"For consistently excellent effort."

Upping our Game with Computing



This year we redesigned our computing and ICT curriculum to ensure that we are answering the needs of all our students and making sure they are reading for the technology of the future.

Computing at Eagle Park school is guided by three key principles: **Communication, Control, and Create**, ensuring students develop digital literacy, independence, and problem-solving skills. Pupils learn to **communicate** their needs and ideas through technology, starting with basic interactions on touch screens and progressing to creating documents, presentations, and multimedia projects on software's at their level such as micro-soft packages and Pictello Visual Stories. They gain **control** over digital tools by giving instructions to computers or electronic items, beginning with simple navigation with electronic toys, Bee Bot and computers/tablets which advances to structured coding with Scratch and BBC Microbits, where they experiment with loops, conditional statements, and debugging. The **create** principle encourages students to use technology in unique ways, from documenting experiences with computers to using computers for art or play activities, designing presentations, manipulating images, and building digital models. This structured approach empowers students to express themselves, interact with technology effectively, and develop independence in a digital world.

In the photos you can see some of the amazing things that our students are doing and how engaged they are with technology and learning.



Eager Eagles Reading Time

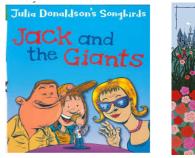
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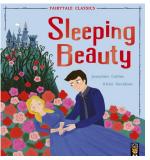
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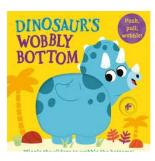
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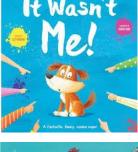
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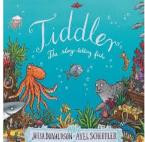












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Robin Class

Mr PattaCake and the Big Idea by Stephanie Baudet

The Diaries of Robin's Travels by Ken and Angie Lake

The Worst Witch Saves The Day BY Jill Murphy

Flip Flap Farm by Axel Scheffler's

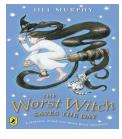
Rudy's Worry by Tom Percival













PJ Masks Battle of the HQ by Pat-a –cake and PJ Masks

My New Baby Rachel Fuller

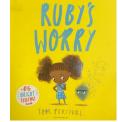
Smiley Shark by Ruth Galloway

Hamilton's Hats by Martine Oborne and Axel Scheffler

Little Red Train to the Rescue by Benedict Blathwayt

Rudy's Worry by Tom Percival











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Red Nose Day: Friday 21st March



Eps has chosen to wear Red Clothing for Comic Relief

By adding something funny/crazy. This might be

mismatched shoes, wearing your t-shirt back to front or

something completely different.

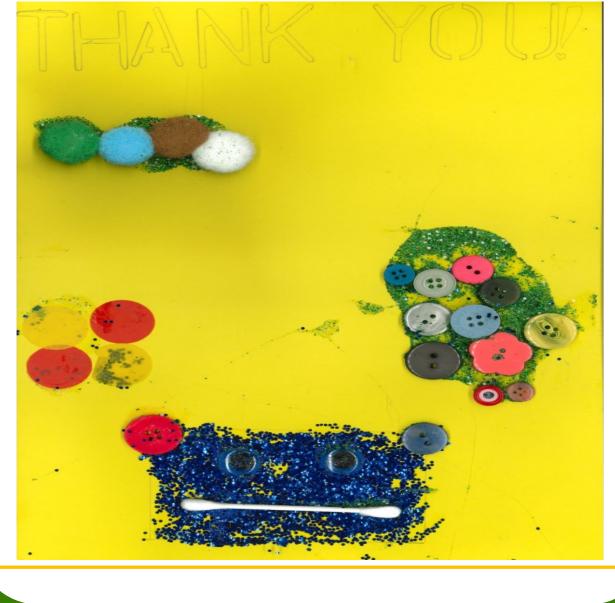
Students wishing to participate are asked to donate £1.

Eagle Park School received a Thank You card from the International school of London (ISL) for Interviewing the headteacher for a project they were doing called neurodiversity. We were asked by ISL to name the Monster on the card.

EPS Students had a few Idea names they are: Blue Goblin, Funny, Lorca, Blue Monster, Adam Looma, Spot, and Banna.

All the names were added to a hat and selected at random.

The Monster's name is: Looma



Parent Liaison News

Hounslow

The following websites have links to workshops and courses available for children with SEND:

https://www.autismcentral.org.uk/events - Here you can access workshops which can be filtered by region.

https://beta.hounslow.gov.uk/send-local-offer-information-advicesupport/courses-workshops-parents-carers - The courses on offer are divided by heading, to make it easier to navigate.

Some of the Autism Central workshops are as early as next week, so book your place early to avoid disappointment!

LBHF

LBHF offers extensive parenting courses and support for [parents in the borough. More details can be found at: <u>https://www.lbhf.gov.uk/children-and-young-people/family-hub/advice-and-support-families/support-families/parenting-support</u>

Ealing

Ealing Parenting Service offer free parenting programmes and workshops to support parents with new ideas and strategies, tackling all kinds of parenting challenges for children aged between three and 18. Many programmes and some workshops are also available in community languages.

Further details can be found at: <u>https://</u> <u>www.ealingfamiliesdirectory.org.uk/kb5/ealing/directory/advice.page?</u> <u>id=9FLZdtjOcMc&localofferchannelnew=0</u>

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Gross Motor Skills

What Are Gross Motor Skills?

Gross motor skills involve large movements that engage the whole body, such as jumping, running, climbing, and balancing. These skills are essential for developing coordination, strength, and posture, which in turn support everyday activities like sitting at a desk, maintaining attention, and participating in play and sports.

By encouraging children to develop their gross motor skills, we help them build a strong foundation for both physical and cognitive tasks, promoting better focus, confidence, and independence.

Fun Movement Activities:

- Animal Walks Walk like a bear, hop like a frog, or waddle like a penguin!
- Balloon Volleyball Helps with hand-eye coordination.
- **Obstacle Courses** Crawl under chairs, jump over pillows, and balance along a line.
- Dancing to Music Great for rhythm and coordination!

Tip: Movement breaks throughout the day can help with focus and reduce restlessness.



Total communication is an approach that values and encourages the use of all forms of communication (e.g., speech, gestures, AAC, body language) to pass on information, make requests and share thoughts/ideas with others.

Top tips for total communication:

- **Create a total communication environment**. Encourage and make the following accessible:
 - Pictures/symbols
 - Written information
 - Signs (e.g., Makaton)
 - Varied facial expressions and body language
 - AAC devices where relevant
- Model the use of total communication without demanding your child to do the same. Demonstrate that these tools are available for them to use.
- Follow your child's lead wait and listen to what they are trying to communicate with you.
- **Provide opportunities for them to communicate** throughout the day e.g., giving a choice between snacks.
- Be responsive to any forms of communication.





You are invited to discuss your child's progress in class with their teacher and headteacher. Parents/carers will be contacted beforehand to be allocated a meeting slot.

Monday 17th March -Crane Class

Tuesday 18th March -Goldfinch Class

Wednesday 19th March -Robin Class

Thursday 20th March -Phoenix Class

Friday 21st March - Dove Class



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Labelling items

Please ensure every item of your child's clothing - including gloves and hats - is labelled with their name. This ensures items can be returned to their owner and saves time when getting ready to go outside. We have some items of clothing that can never be returned to their rightful owner because they are not labelled.



Reporting pupil absence



In line with our Attendance Policy, parents/carers must telephone the school (0203 8765076) or sent an email to admin@eagleparkschool.co.uk to inform us of the specific reason for their child's absence on each day of absence (unless the illness is prolonged, e.g. chicken pox). Symptoms must be provided;

advising that children are 'sick' or 'unwell' does not give enough information. In accordance with Government recommendations, a pupil suffering from diarrhoea and/or vomiting must remain off school for 48 hours before returning. For example, if they are sent home from school on a Tuesday after being sick, they can return on Friday, provided there are no further episodes of vomiting on Wednesday or Thursday.

Updates to contact details

If you need to update your contact details, or the details of one of your emergency contacts, please email the school office

admin@eagleparkschool.co.uk with the new information as soon as possible.

Contacting our school office

Our school office hours are 8:00am-3:45pm; by telephone (0203 876 5076), and by emailing **admin@eagleparkschool.co.uk**. All emails for staff are sent to this account; staff's personal email addresses must not be used. Emails are read throughout the school day; we aim to respond to non-urgent emails within five school days. If our office team are unable to answer your telephone call, please leave a message. Your call will be returned as soon as possible.

As a reminder any Safeguarding or urgent enquires you can email Admin on **admin@eagleparkschool.co.uk** or Telephone and leave a message on (0203 876 5076) out of school hours.

To give our pupils a purpose & equip them for their future.

To build positive relationships with all stakeholders. Celebrate success & achievement, no matter how

big or small. Our School Vision

More than just a school, we are a community with a culture and ethos that embodies "togetherness". We work hand in hand to develop curious and confident children with an understanding of how to be socially, morally, spiritually and culturally aware

Our school Values

Our 3E's promote self esteem and confidence

Effort - I will always do my best Equality - I will always respect others Empathy - I will try and understand how you feel