

YEARS 5 & 6 - Kestrels, Red Kites & Falcons

We hope you have all enjoyed a relaxing Easter break and that you and your families are keeping well. It feels very strange writing this and knowing that we won't be seeing you just yet. We were so impressed with how well you managed Home Learning last term and we have been busy adapting our Summer Term curriculum for you to access from home.

This term we are delighted to welcome Helen Christie to our teaching team. Helen will be responsible for teaching (remotely initially) the Year 5 group who were previously taught Maths and English by Kim Basse. Maria Morris has taken over as the Falcons' class teacher, and will continue to teach her usual Maths and English groups.

In English we will be getting straight on with our class text: *Holes* by Louis Sachar. We are not expecting you to have copies of the text, but have provided an electronic version, which we would recommend saving on your device for easy access. We really hope that reading this text and other books of your choice can be an enjoyable daily activity for children. English lessons will continue to follow the familiar weekly pattern:

Monday – Spelling Focus
Tuesday – Grammar Focus
Wednesday & Thursday – Writing Focus
Friday – Reading Focus

Maths groups are covering a wide range of topics this term, from Statistics to Angles, as well as revisiting previously taught topics. The weekly Mental Arithmetic assessments will continue to take place on Mondays throughout the term. Please continue to make good use of *Mathletics*, as well as *Times Table Rock Stars*.

Our curriculum theme this term is '*Going Global*', which has a Geography and Science focus. We will use a range of information sources to explore ways in which renewable energy can be produced and the associated impact on both the human and physical characteristics of the local area. Children will learn how transport and communication can connect the world in more ways than ever before; they will gain an appreciation that what we buy and what we consume can have a profound impact on the lives and societies of people around the world. Linked to this, children will look at the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water. In our Science sessions we will be exploring light and electricity. Throughout the term, we also have History, Art, Computing, DT, French, Collective Worship and Our World sessions planned as part of the Daily Projects programme.

We know that lots of you have been keeping fit with Joe Wicks, as well as Mr McKay. Exercising is extremely important at the moment, so please try to build it into your daily routine. It's such a great way of improving your mental health. We are sure you can think of other ways of switching off and clearing your mind.

As a team, we anticipate a busy and exciting term ahead, albeit a very different one to usual. We look forward to continuing to work in partnership with you. Please do not hesitate to contact any of us via the school office, should you have any questions or concerns.

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