

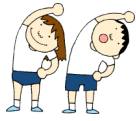
Falcon and Kestrel Class

Monday 16th September 2024

Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful summer break!

PE This term:

The PE timetable for Term 1 is as follows:



Tuesday	Wednesday
Indoor—Gym	Outdoor—Hockey

Please make sure your child has the correct PE kit on the appropriate days. For Gym and outdoor PE, your child should wear the appropriate kit to school. Please note, crop tops, leggings, football kits and brightly-coloured hoodies are not part of our uniform.

As the weather may turn colder, please make sure that your child has tracksuit bottoms and a jacket to wear during outdoor PE sessions.

If your child has difficulty in removing earrings themselves, please ensure they are taken out at home on the morning of PE days.

Term 1 Foundation Subjects:

In History lessons, this term, we will be learning about the fascinating civilisation of The Maya. The children will discover how Maya society was organised and they will explore aspects of Maya daily life, including the architecture, communication, beliefs and scientific knowledge. Art and Design is linked to our history topic. The children will be working with clay to produce a 'stela' in the Maya style. In the Science topic of 'Properties and changes of materials', the children will explore reversible and irreversible changes through practical investigations. The children will learn about the Sikh religion in RE. In Music, the children will be learning a range of songs, linked to the theme of Harvest Festival, celebrations and exploring a little about Mayan music. In Spanish, they will learn about presenting themselves to others, developing their listening, speaking, reading and writing skills.

Reading:

Please encourage and support your child with reading at home every day. Home reading should be recorded in your child's Reading Record Book (including an adult's signature), which should be brought into school each day.



It is beneficial for your child to enjoy the book with you and to engage in discussions about the characters and content of the book etc. We will send home examples of questions you can ask your child when reading with them, for your information.

Year 5 have access to the school mobile library on Thursday afternoons so please ensure that all books your child has read and wishes to change are brought into school on Thursdays. They do have access at some other times as well.

Homework:

Homework will be sent home on Friday to be returned by the following Wednesday.

Spelling homework will be sent home weekly and will focus on the spelling pattern taught that week.

Maths homework will comprise of tasks linked to the learning during the week and/or Times Table Rock Stars activities. Please also continue to support your child with learning and developing rapid recall of the times tables facts (up to 12x tables). Children will have the choice of which Topic and Science homework they complete. We will suggest a range of tasks, on a termly basis, and we would expect the children to choose 2-3 activities to complete per term. This has proven very popular in the past and we have been very impressed at the standard of the work the children have brought in to share with their classmates. Topic/ Science homework is celebrated and displayed in class.

Dates:

Friday 20th September: Jeans for Genes Day
26th September: European Languages Day
Thursday 3th October: Poetry Day
Friday 18th October: Last day of term
Monday 4th November: Term 2 begins

If you have any questions, concerns or comments at all please do not hesitate to let us know through the homework diaries, by email or by making an appointment through the office.

Thank you from the Year 5 team.