

Falcon and Kestrel Classes

Monday 24th February 2025

Hello everyone and welcome to Term 4,

We are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day in week 2 (see right for more information).

Our Science topic of *Earth and Space* and our history topic, which focuses on the Medieval period in England, have always proven popular and we are sure the children will enjoy their learning.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's class teacher via email to the school office or through the home-school contact book.

Thank you for your continued support.

PE

	Falcon	Kestrel
Monday	Football	Football
Wednesday		Rounders
Thursday	Swimming	



The weather can still be changeable so please continue make sure that your child has tracksuit bottoms and a jacket for cold weather. Please note, crop tops, leggings, football kits and brightly-coloured hoodies are not part of our uniform. If your child is swimming this term, they should wear their full school uniform to school and bring their costume, towel and hairbrush in a separate bag.

Topic

Our History topic this term is the Medieval period, with a focus, wherever possible, on the local area. The children will learn about daily life in Medieval England, the Feudal System, the Peasants' Revolt and the Siege of Rochester Castle.

In Science, our topic is Space. We will be exploring our solar system and how other planets and celestial objects move relative to the sun. We will also explore scientists famous for their studies of space.

Art & Design will be linked to our history topic and to Book Week. In Spanish lessons, we will learning and using vocabulary linked to days of the week and months of the year. Music will focus on understanding musical terminology and in RE we will concentrate on the Easter story.

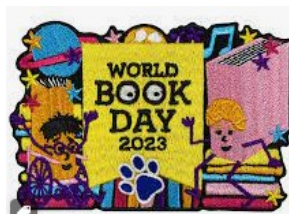
Reading

We continue to encourage home-reading for pleasure so that your child can benefit from sharing a book with you. Engaging in discussions about the characters, events, language and vocabulary will enable your child to develop a range of reading skills. Please make a note of home reading in your child's Reading Record each time they read; your child can record the reading but please add your signature each time.



World Book Day - Thursday 6th March

We are very excited about the activities we have planned around our class texts: *Paddington in Peru* (Falcon) and *Simply the Quest* by Maz Evans (Kestrel).



We look forward to welcoming you in after school on Monday 10th March to see what we have been doing.

Dates for your diary:

27.2.25—Book Fair 3:30-4:00

28.2.25—Book Fair 1:15-1:45

4.3.25—Book Fair 3:30-4:00

10.3.25- Class Photos

10.3.25—Parent/Carer Class Gallery Visits 3.30-4.00

River Study Trip—Term 6 (date to be confirmed)

Homework

Topic/science homework continues to prove very popular. We were really impressed with the standard of the homework last term, which included information posters, fact-files and PowerPoints.

We have included this term's History/ Science homework here. You will see that all the activities are linked to this term's learning on the Medieval period and on our Science

topic of Earth and Space. **We would expect you to complete 2 pieces of History/Science homework over the term.** There is a wide range of activities so we're sure you will find something that interests you. We are really looking forward to seeing what you do.

Design a model of a time machine. How will it travel? What will power it? What materials will it be made from?	Investigate food and drink in Medieval England. Research the diet of different groups of people (eg. barons, knights, peasants).	Draw or make a model of our solar system.
There was no police force in the Middle Ages. Research law and order in Medieval England.	Investigate the International Space Station. Produce a fact-file of your research.	Find out about the Magna Carta. What is the importance of this historic document?
Choose one planet of our solar system and investigate it. Choose how to present your research.	Design and make your very own space mobile, model rocket or spaceship.	Write a short story/poem about an alien/astronaut's time in space. Remember to include description and a varied vocabulary.

Thank you from the Year 5 team

