

# Falcon and Kestrel Classes

## Monday 26th February 2024

Hello everyone and welcome to Term 4

This term, as always, we will be celebrating World Book Day by undertaking a range of activities during the week beginning 4th March—more details to follow. Please take a look at the 'dates for your diary' section and make a note of upcoming events.

We are looking forward to a successful Term 4. 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.

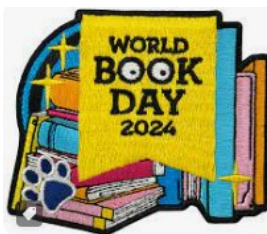
Thank you for your continued support.

### 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 7th March



We are very excited about the activities we have planned around the whole-school text, 'Wild' by Annette Demetriou and Dawn White, including dressing up day (**Thursday 7th March**). We will be exploring this delightful text and using our thoughts and ideas to compose poetry, as well as creating artwork for display in our classrooms and shared areas. Keep an eye on

MCM the Year 5 page on the school website and on the school social media platforms to see what we have been doing.

PE	Monday (Outdoor) Coach	Wednesday (Outdoor)
Falcon	Football	Tag Rugby
Kestrel	Football	Swimming



Please make sure that your child has tracksuit bottoms and a sweat-top on outdoor PE days.

Please note, crop tops, leggings, **football kits**, **logos and brightly-coloured hoodies and t-shirts** are not part of our uniform.

### Dates for your Diary

Monday 4th March: Character hat competition (optional)

Thursday 7th March: World Book Day – dress-up day

Thursday 16th May: Kestrel Class Assembly

Thursday 20th June: River study trip

### 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 Earth and Space. We will be exploring our solar system, with a particular focus on the planets, day and night, the seasons and the phases of the moon.

Art & Design and D&T tasks will be linked to the history topic, including making a model siege machine. In French lessons, we will be learning and using vocabulary linked to the weather. Music will focus on understanding musical terminology and in RE we will concentrate on the Easter story.

### 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, power points and some excellent artwork based on the UK's National Parks (Geography topic) and our Science topic on Forces.

We have included this term's History/Science homework below. 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 2-3 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.

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.	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.
Investigate the International Space Station. Produce a fact-file of your research.	There was no police force in the Middle Ages. Research law and order in Medieval England.	Design and make your very own space mobile, rocket or spaceship!	Research pastimes in Medieval times. How did people enjoy themselves? Which activities do we still take part in today?

Thank you from the Year 5 team

