

Spring Term Newsletter 2026

Red Kite Class

Happy New Year! We hope that you had a lovely Christmas and New Year. We are so excited to welcome everybody back. We hope you are as excited as we are to get started. This term we have some really interesting topics we will be covering.

Literacy

In our writing this half term we will be using a great range of engaging texts to write in many different styles. We will begin by writing an explanation text of a life cycle based around the Varmints story. We will then write a brochure based around the Barnabus Project story. After half term we will start learning about narratives before writing our own based around 'Our Tower'. Our final piece of writing before Easter will see us create a persuasive information leaflet based on the story 'The Tin Forest'.

Maths

In maths this term, we will be focusing on measure and fractions. We will develop our understanding of different measurements such as length and perimeter, area and mass and capacity

We will then apply our knowledge to support our understanding of fractions as we find fractions of amounts and add and subtract fractions.

The children will be expected to use TT rockstars to practise their times table knowledge we will work weekly on this in school.

Reading

In Reading this term we will be reading 'Varjak Paw' by SF Said. We will be studying the characters and plotline in depth and use our VIPERS skills to discuss the book.

V = Vocab, I = Inference, P = Predict, E = Explain, R = Retrieval, S = Summarise

The children will also complete a stand-alone reading comprehension lesson once per week.

Children will continue to earn merits and rewards for reading. Every Friday they will have the chance to appear on our reading board. Please remember any book they are reading counts!

Bronze = 3 reads per week

Silver = 4 reads per week

Gold = 5 reads per week

Platinum = 7 reads per week

The children are expected to sign their reading record each night when they read and hand it in each morning.

Science

In Science this term, we will be learning all about States of Matter. We will learn to compare and group materials according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases. We will learn that some materials change state when they are heated or cooled and be able to identify and name these processes as melting, freezing, evaporating or condensing.

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RE

Our focus in RE this term will be to understand how and why do people show their commitments during the journey of life. The children will describe what happens in ceremonies of commitment (e.g. baptism, sacred thread, marriage) and say what these rituals mean and make simple links between beliefs about love and commitment and how people in at least two religious traditions live (e.g. through celebrating forgiveness, salvation and freedom at festivals) They will also identify some differences in how people celebrate commitment (e.g. different practices of marriage, or Christian baptism).

History

In History, the children will learn about Ancient Egypt and the way their life is different. We will learn why these civilisations are so important and think about the impact they had upon Great Britain. We will think about chronology and the order of events. The children will compare the civilisations and understand the strengths and weaknesses of them.

PE

This term our PE days are Wednesday and Thursday so the children will need to ensure they have the correct equipment in school on these days. Our units of work for Spring term 1 are Dance and OAA. During Spring term 2 we will be studying Parkour and Tag Rugby.

Computing

Our computing lessons this term will focus around Animation and then focusing on video editing and the use of internet research.

PSHE

Our PSHE lessons this term are focusing around keeping ourselves safe and our rights and responsibilities.

Art

In Art this term, we will learn about chromatic art. We will be thinking about why artists have sketchbooks and how to use them effectively. The children will study a range of artists to use as inspiration for their own art pieces.

DT

In DT this term we are going to be focusing on coking and nutrition as we create an edible garden. We will look at what vegetables and fruit can be grown and use the school grounds to grow them.