

# Summer Term Newsletter 2026

## Red Kite Class

Welcome back. We hope you had a lovely Easter! 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 a news report based around the Escape from Pompeii Story. We will then write a biography on the life of Howard Carter based on 'The Story of Tutankhamun'. After half term we will start learning how to write a fantasy narrative before writing our own based around 'The Mysteries of Harris Burdick'. Our final piece of writing before the summer break will be linked to courageous advocacy.

### Maths

In maths this term, we will be focusing on measure. We will develop our understanding of measuring length, mass and capacity whilst learning about perimeter and area. We will also be learning about money and time.

We will then move onto shape after half term. We will think about position and direction and understanding of 2d and 3d shapes. We will finish the year by working on statistics. Use graphs and charts to interpret data.

**The children will be expected to use TT rockstars for a minimum of 10 minutes per week to practise their times table knowledge we will work weekly on this in**

### Reading

In Reading this term we will be reading 'Escape the Room' by Stephen Mangan. 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 begin the term by working scientifically. We will carry out a range of investigations to develop our scientific skills. During the second half term we will be learning all about living things and their habitats. The children will learn to recognise the seven life processes common to all living things. They will learn to sort living things using a variety of criteria and extend their use of scientific vocabulary to describe features and characteristics of animals and plants.

### Music

In our music lessons we will explore the language of music through the inter-related dimensions of music. We will focus on minimalism this half term. The main features of minimalist music include repetitive patterns or pulses, steady drones, consonant harmony, and repetition of musical phrases. We will then move on to learn about Jazz.

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Our focus in RE this term will be to understand what it means to be a Hindu in Britain today. We will identify Hindu deities and describe Hindu beliefs about God, understand beliefs and aims of life, describe how Hindus show faith within their families in the UK today and how Hindus show faith within their faith communities in Britain today. Our final RE unit this year is 'When Jesus left, What Next?'. During this unit children will be able to understand that Christians believe that after Jesus returned to be with God the Father, he sent the Holy Spirit at Pentecost to help the Church to make Jesus' invisible Kingdom visible by living lives that reflect the love of God.

### Geography

In Geography, children will learn about the world and how it is represented on maps. Children will discover the different countries and capital cities of Europe as well as recapping the countries and cities of the UK. Children will specifically focus on Italy and will learn the key human and physical features of the country before focusing on the region of Campania. Children will learn about plate tectonics, earthquakes and volcanoes and will complete two Campania case studies. Children will then use their knowledge to compare their own region in England with Campania and establish similarities and differences between the two.

### PE

This term our PE days are Tuesday and Friday and so the children will need to ensure they have the correct equipment in school on these days. Our units of work for Summer term 1 are Swimming and May day dancing. During Summer term 2 we will be studying cricket and Athletics.

### Computing

Our computing lessons this term will focus around programming using scratch before moving onto create an Ebook in Summer term 2.

### PSHE

Our PSHE lessons this term are focusing around being our best and our growing and changing.

### Art

In Art this term, we will be working on sculpture and 3d. In this unit we will use a range of materials to create differing sculptures and structures.

### DT

In DT this term we are going to be designing an edible garden. We will be studying cooking and nutrition.