

Autumn Term Newsletter 2026

Year 3&4 - Red Kite Class

We hope you have had an amazing summer! Hopefully you all managed to relax. We are looking forward to welcome everybody back. We hope you are as excited as we are to get started. This year we have some really exciting topics we will be covering.

Literacy

Our Writing units in the first half term will focus on our punctuation and grammar. We will then begin to apply these skills in a series of picture inspired writing pieces. We will begin by studying recounts in the style of a letter based around the story 'The Stone Age Boy' We will then write our own narrative based upon 'The Land of Roar'.

Maths

In maths this term, we will be focusing on place value. We will look at recognising the place value in 2, 3 and 4-digit numbers. We will even begin to think about Roman numerals.

We will be revisiting efficient written methods of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and using these to solve multi step problems.

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 'The Butterfly Lion' by Michael Morpurgo. 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

We will then study the non-fiction text 'The Giraffe and the Pelly and Me' by Roald Dahl using these same skills.

Children will continue to earn merits and rewards for reading. Every Friday they will have the chance to appear on our reading board.

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 animals including humans. The children will learn how the skeleton and muscles support the body, protect organs and allow movement. They will identify major bones, explore joints, compare humans with other animals and classify animals based on these structures. They will learn that all animals need nutrients to stay alive, grow and repair. Finally, children apply this to humans, exploring why families may eat different foods while still needing the same nutrients.

Music

In our music lessons this half term we will be focusing on stone age music. The children will be focusing on pulse, rhythm and pitch. They will then develop their singing skills and begin playing the Ukulele.

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RE

Our focus for Autumn term 1 will be 'What do Christians learn from the creation story?' the children will be able to describe what Christians do because they believe God is Creator and ask questions and suggest answers about what might be important in the creation story for Christians living today, and for people who are not Christians.

History

In this unit of work, we will be discovering how life was in the stone age, bronze age and iron age. The children will learn why these eras are named the way they are. We will think about chronology and the order of events. The children will compare the different time periods and we will find out all about how people survived in these times, important places from these eras and the beliefs of people during these times.

Art

We going to be learning all about pottery and what it can tell us about the past. Children will learn from great artists and begin to evaluate and analyse before creating their own artwork.

Design Technology

Children will learn about the design and creation of a Stone Age-inspired pouch. They will explore how historical tools and materials influenced design choices and use this knowledge to incorporate features like buttons for fastening.

PE

This term our PE days are Tuesday and Thursday and so the children will need to ensure they have the correct equipment in school on these days. Our units of work for Autumn term 1 are Golf and Football. During Autumn term 2 we will be studying Dodgeball and Yoga.

Computing

Our computing lessons this term will focus around 3-d design and then focusing on creating exciting artwork during our digital art unit.

PSHE

Our PSHE lessons this term are focusing around managing relationships and understanding and being accepting of the differences we all have.