

# Summer Term Newsletter 2024

## Year 3&4 Red Kite Class

Welcome back. We hope you had a lovely Easter! We are 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 narrative based around the Frindleswylde story. After half term we will start learning how to write a brochure before writing our own based around 'The Barnabus Project'. Our final piece of writing before the summer break will see us use similes and metaphors to create a poem.

### 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 to practise their times table knowledge, we will work weekly on this in school.**

### 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 be learning all about living things and their habitats. The children will continue 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. We will then look at animals including human where we will focus on digestion, dental health and life cycles.

### 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.

# Summer Term Newsletter 2024

## Year 3&4 Red Kite Class

### Religious Education

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, the children will learn the key geographical characteristics of the United Kingdom. They will discover the different countries of the United Kingdom and the regions within England. Children will explore the human and physical features of the UK, including the types of settlements, key topographical features and how types of land use have changed over time. Children will use maps and atlases to explore the UK and their local region while learning to use a compass, four-figure grid references, keys and symbols.

### 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 Athletics and May day dancing. During Summer term 2 we will be studying cricket and swimming

### 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.

### Design Technology

In DT this term we are going to be designing and making a mindful moments timer. We will then be adapting a recipe when studying cooking and nutrition.