



Kestrels



Owls



Red Kites

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to a new school year! We've been back for a week now and the children are already settling back into the school routine. They have adapted to their new classmates and teachers very well.

Our main topic this term is on the Stone Age. We will be looking at the timeline of British History to see how the Stone Age fits in and we will be thinking about the way that Stone Age people lived. We will also be learning about the major changes that took place when people switched from being hunter-gatherers to developing farming. Later in the term, we are aiming to visit a nearby Stone Age site, possibly the stone circle at Avebury.

In Geography this term, we will be learning about settlements, how towns grow and how natural resources are used in their development. We will be thinking about Stone Age people and how their houses developed, and how, and why, they moved around.

In Science we will be learning about Light and Sound. We will discover how light allows us to see, how reflective surfaces work and explore shadows. During our topic on sound, we will learn how sounds are made, how the pitch and volume of a sound can be changed and lots of other interesting facts.

In English, we have started by studying poetry and we will be going on to reading and writing a variety of fiction and non-fiction. As well as this, we will be spending a lot of time practising our reading and working on our understanding of what we have read.

In Maths we have started with work on place value, the number system and understanding the building blocks of all Maths. We will then be moving on to calculation and the four main number operations, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

In P.E. the children can come to school in their P.E. kits on their P.E. days. This is to help avoid the children having too much to carry and also to avoid too much moving around and mixing in class. At the moment, we are doing all of our P.E. outside.

The P.E. kit is white t-shirts and dark shorts or track suit trousers. The children can wear jumpers on top of the P.E. kit during the day. At the start of this term, we will be receiving hockey coaching from our visiting coach. These will be on Mondays.

The P.E. days for the three classes are;

Kestrels – Monday and Thursday

Red Kites – Monday and Friday

Owls – Monday and Wednesday

We will keep this up while the weather remains good. When the weather worsens, we may have to change the days slightly as we will need a new timetable for the hall.

We will be running recorder lessons for all of the children. We will be starting this term with Owl class.

An exciting addition this year is Class Dojo. This is a way of communicating with you and includes a super system of giving rewards. Your child can gain Dojo points for showing any of our twelve values. These are; Compassion, Co-operation, Courage, Creativity, Curiosity, Determination, Engagement, Excellence, Honesty, Leadership, Resilience and Respect. You will be notified when your child gets a Dojo point, asking them why they have won points is a good way of starting a conversation about school.

For homework this year, we will carry on using Google Classrooms. The type of I.T. skills it allows the children to practise are going to be used more and more in the future. There will be one piece of homework each week, we will set it on a Thursday and would like the children to complete it by the start of the following week. Of course, we realise that not all children have access to computers and Ipads at home, for this reason, we will also make paper copies of the homework available.

In addition to the weekly homework, we would like you to help your children with regular reading and to help them to learn spellings and number facts. The children are encouraged to read daily. They have been given home reading records. In years 3 and 4, we want the children to become responsible for these. Please remind and help your child to fill these in as they read, making comments and keeping a count of the total days on which they read.

We aim to begin the online homework next week, beginning on the 14<sup>th</sup> of September.

The children should bring in a water bottle and a healthy snack of fruit or vegetables for break time, if they would like to have one.

If you have any questions at all then please do not hesitate to come and speak to us.

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