

Year Groups: 4/5 –
Hawks & Buzzards

Term/weeks: Autumn 1

Reading

This term, we will be reading 'The Butterfly Lion' by Michael Morpurgo as our class book. This will link with our English unit and will be our study focus for our reading sessions. We will be concentrating on building confidence, improving fluency, making predictions, expression and retrieving information.

Please support your child's progress by reading regularly with them at home and recording this in their reading record – ideally 3x weekly. There will be weekly reading comprehension tasks in class to develop retrieval and inference skills, as well as extending their vocabulary.

Grammar

We will be learning about nouns, adjectives and verbs, expanded noun phrases, relative clauses and fronted adverbials – all to enhance our written work.

Writing

We will be writing setting descriptions based on 'The Butterfly Lion' as well as writing stories, using clips from 'Literacy Shed' as a stimulus.

Maths

We are starting the term with a focus on Place value in terms of understanding numbers up to millions – representing, partitioning, ordering, comparing and putting these onto a number line. We will then look at rounding these numbers and learn the formal written method for adding and subtracting them, as well as other written and mental methods. The second half of the term will focus on addition and subtraction – strategies for mental calculation and formal methods.

Times tables will have a huge focus, this term and throughout the year, with each child working on their own times table target as well as weekly class targets. They will be tested on their target once a week. Please practise with your child each week.

Once a week, the early morning task will have a maths focus which recaps previous learning and helps to develop reasoning skills. 'I think the answer is incorrect/ correct because...'

PSHE

'Being me in my World' - we will explore how we are all valued at school, both children and staff, how we are successful as individuals. We will re-visit and reinforce our school rules, understanding what it means to be a good citizen.

Religion Education

We are studying Sikhism, exploring the question, 'Does joining the Khalsa make someone a better Sikh?' We will be taught over a full 'encounter day.'

Light and Dark – Fabric of Nature



PE

Hawks will be starting swimming this term as one of their PE lessons, and the second lesson will be an outdoor learning session. Buzzards two lessons will be fitness and outdoor learning.

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What's on...

- 1st September TD day
- PE days for Hawks – Monday - outdoor learning, Tuesday – swimming from 29/9
- PE days for Buzzards – Monday – outdoor learning, Wednesday - fitness
- More dates TBC



French

In French, we will be revising greetings, days months and numbers as well as recognising simple spoken words and phrases.

Topic- Light and Dark – Fabric of Nature

This is an art topic where the children will study the flora and fauna of the rainforest. They will be developing their drawing skills through experimentation of textile-based techniques, to design a repeating pattern suitable for fabric.

Science

Our focus will be biology, looking at how we group and classify plants and animals, and collecting data. We will move on to chemistry in the second half of the term. Studying states of matter, i.e. liquids, solids and gasses.

Computing

We will be learning word processing skills, followed by 'Blooket' quizzes to assess learning. Your child will be given a Purple mash password to take home as some maths homework will be set on this.