



Curriculum Overview
Term 6 – June 2023
Kestrel, Osprey and Falcon
Classes- Year 5/6



Dear Parents/ Carers

Welcome back to our final term of the year. We cannot believe how quickly the year has gone. It has already been a very busy start to the term with Year 6 off on their residential at Mill on the Brue last week, and there are lots of other exciting events happening to finish our year.

Topic

This term we are travelling back to Ancient Greece to find out what legacy they left behind. We will be finding out what made them such a strong civilisation and looking into some of the key Greek figures who have made an impact on our world. We will be role playing life in different city states to compare and contrast lifestyles. We will use primary sources to explore the Ancient Olympic Games before creating our own pottery depicting scenes from the Games. Through our Design Technology unit, we will be investigating Greek architecture and structures before looking in more depth at how to build a bridge using different strengthening techniques.

Our English this term will be based on various Greek Myths, in particular the Labours of Heracles. We will explore features of Greek myths before creating our own mythical creatures and heroes to write our own. Our shared class text will be Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief where we will be exploring characterisation and themes.

Home Learning

It is still essential that the children are completing home learning tasks in order to consolidate their learning. Spellings will continue to be sent home on a Friday for the following week. We recommend that the children spend a short amount of time each day practising these. Please make sure that the homework diaries are filled in to show what the children have done at home so this can be celebrated.

Daily	Weekly
Regular reading both independently and with an adult/older sibling. Maths/ number facts/ times tables practice Spelling practice either on Spellingframe or on the statutory word sheets.	Spellings- Homework task set each Friday due in for the following Friday.

Reading

We cannot stress enough how important it is that the children are reading regularly at home. Whilst independent reading is important, it is still beneficial for the children to be sharing books with an adult so that they can discuss unfamiliar language and events in the text. Please encourage your children to read whole texts rather than swapping and changing from book to book as this helps to develop their understanding of themes and plot development. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's reading, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Expectations and responsibilities

PE Kit

PE sessions will be held on the days stated below; however, there will be occasions where we will need to be flexible so please ensure your child has their PE kit available in school every day.

PE kit should consist of black shorts or jogging bottoms, their house coloured plain t-shirt and their school jumper.

Falcon – Monday afternoon and Thursday morning

Osprey – Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning

Kestrel – Monday afternoon and Thursday morning

Our PE focus for this term is Athletics

Planning time

During our planning time, the children will be covered within the year 5/6 team. This will be on the following days:

Kestrel – Thursday morning

Falcon – Tuesday morning

Osprey – Wednesday morning

Personal responsibility

We hope that you have all enjoyed the glorious sunshine we have had over the past couple of weeks. As nice as the sun is, however, please make sure that children are prepared for the weather. They should have a refillable bottle of water and a hat with them in school at all times. Whilst children should not have aerosol deodorant cans in school, now that the children are getting older, we would recommend that they apply this at home. They may bring in roll on deodorant. Children should also make sure they have applied sun cream. Unfortunately, we are not at liberty to give out sun cream at school due to allergies.

Behaviour

As we reach the final few weeks of the year, it is essential that our oldest members of the school continue to model the behaviour we expect in all aspects of school life, both in and outside the classroom. We expect the children to be ambassadors for the school and demonstrate responsibility and good citizenship, particularly when travelling to and from school. We thank you for your support in this.

As one of our learner's values, we encourage the children's independence in communicating messages; however, any important messages can be communicated via email to the office admin@paxcroft.wilts.sch.uk or please feel free to pop in and see us; we hold an open door policy and are more than happy to arrange a convenient time to meet.

Kind regards

Mrs Rigby, Mrs Sager and Mrs Dennett