



Curriculum Overview  
Term 3 – January 2023  
**Kestrel, Osprey and Falcon**  
Classes- Year 5/6



Dear Parents/ Carers

Happy New Year to you all and we hope you had a wonderful Christmas break. We are looking forward to another jam packed term full of exciting learning opportunities.

**Topic**

Our topic learning for this term centres around the enquiry question ‘How did the Ancient civilisations leave their mark on Wiltshire?’ We will be playing archaeologists and exploring nearly 10,000 years of history as we journey through the Stone Age to the Iron Age. We will find out how everyday life changed for these civilisations and use evidence to build up a picture of a key figure. We will be discovering the significance of various local landmarks including Stonehenge and The Avebury Stone Circle.

Our English this term will be based on the fabulous Goodnight Mister Tom by Michelle Magorian. This heart-wrenching tale tells the story of William Beech who is evacuated during World War Two to the tiny village of Little Weirwold to live with grumpy Mister Tom Oakley. As well as exploring the complex character development throughout the story we will be using the text as a stimulus for our writing where we will be exploring the genre of newspaper reports and narrative description. This book is a firm favourite and we look forward to exploring the text with the children.

**Home Learning**

Daily	Weekly
Regular reading both independently and with an adult/older sibling. Maths/ number facts/ times tables practice Spelling practice either on Spelling frame or on the statutory word sheets.	Spellings- Homework task set each Friday due in for the following Friday. We will alternate each week between setting spelling patterns on Spelling frame and setting statutory words in their spelling folders.

Lots of the children have made a brilliant start to using our online programmes and we would strongly encourage everyone to be using these to support their learning. Please make sure they are recording the work they are doing in your green homework diaries so that we can celebrate this in school.

**Reading**

Reading is an essential part of the children’s learning and we cannot stress enough how beneficial it is for the children to be reading regularly at home. Children in Upper Key Stage Two are encouraged to develop stamina in reading. We will ensure that the book children are reading is appropriately pitched for their ability (whether this is a book they have borrowed from school or a book they are reading from home) and they are encouraged to read whole texts rather than flitting between books. This will enable them to develop their stamina in reading and understanding of character and plot development. For advice on how to support your child with their reading and how to develop their comprehension, please visit our class webpage on the school website. Here you will find key questions designed to enhance their understanding of texts.

## Expectations and responsibilities

### PE Kit

This year, children are expected to bring their PE kits in to school ready for PE sessions. 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

### 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

### Stationery and other personal belongings

The children are provided with all the equipment they will need on a day-to-day basis; therefore, children **will not need to have their own pencil cases in school.**

Children should bring in a bottle of **water** (preferably with a sports cap) for use within the classroom.

### Behaviour

We continue to be impressed by the mature nature in which our year 5 and 6s have taken to the supporting roles throughout the school. This term we will be continuing the Playground Pals role with a new group of eager children and developing the reading buddy role with the reception children. These roles actively promote our Paxcroft Citizen Values of Kindness and respect.

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](mailto: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