



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



Dear Parents/ Carers

Welcome back! We hope you had a very restful Easter break. Term 5 promises to be another busy term full of exciting learning opportunities.

Topic

Our topic this term is widening our geographical enquiry question from last term and taking on a scientific turn to think about our place in the Universe. We will be learning all about Earth and space and exploring the movement of the planets in our solar system. We will be considering ideas about the universe and finding evidence to prove or refute these theories. The children will be engaging in a project based on a planet of their choice, incorporating art and independent research. Our art learning this term will support our learning about space, exploring retro-futurism, and we will be creating our own pieces using printing and drawing techniques.

Our English this term will be based on the book, Holes by Louis Sachar. This intriguing tale explores the mysterious activities at Camp Green Lake, a juvenile detention centre where our protagonist, Stanley Yelnats, finds himself after being wrongly accused of stealing a famous basketball player's trainers. We will be exploring differing literary techniques and more complex narrative storylines. Based on the text, we will be writing non chronological reports and letters of complaint.

SATs

During the week commencing 8th May, children in year 6 will be carrying out their End of Key Stage 2 Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs). The children have worked very hard throughout their time at Paxcroft and in particular this year to ensure they are well prepared for these and we hope that they now feel ready to go into these with confidence. We are very proud of all their efforts and know they will give it their all.

The SATs week timetable is as follows:

Monday 8 th May	Additional Bank Holiday – King Charles III Coronation
Tuesday 9 th May	Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Test
Wednesday 10 th May	Reading Test
Thursday 11 th May	Maths Paper 1 – Arithmetic Maths paper 2 – Reasoning
Friday 12 th May	Maths paper 3 - Reasoning

During SATs week, we will be providing a SATs breakfast for the year 6 children. More information about this will follow.

During the week, the year 5 children will be partaking in a week-long stand-alone project led by Mrs Lilley.

Home Learning

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. We will alternate each week between setting spelling patterns on Spellingframe and setting statutory words in their spelling folders.

Keep up the use of the online programmes for learning - Spellingframe and TT rockstars – they are brilliant resources to help consolidate what the children are doing in class. 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

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 Striking and Fielding.

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 – Wednesday morning

Falcon – Thursday morning

Osprey – Tuesday 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 have high expectations for behaviour and learning attitudes both within and outside the classroom. The children hold many roles around the school which require a mature and responsible attitude and we expect them to be good role models to others. 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 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