



## Year 5 Peregrine Falcons Newsletter – Summer 1

### Welcome

Welcome to our Summer 1 newsletter! This half term is extremely exciting with lots of interesting topics. Below is a summary of what we will be covering in Year 5 this half term.

### Reading

This term we will continue to have 3 whole class reading sessions each week, exploring a number of texts and genres. In particular, the children will be looking at extracts from authors such as Michael Morpurgo, Miriam Halahmy and Robert Westall.



We will continue to read our class novel 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell



#### **Recommended reads:**

- Private Peaceful by Michael Morpurgo
- Lord of the Rings by J R R Tolkien
- Books about lifecycles

### Writing

This term we will have two book studies: War Horse by Micheal Morpurgo and Darwin's Dragons by Lindsay Galvin.



The War Horse study will include creating a pamphlet, writing from a different viewpoint and writing a story.

The Darwin's Dragons study will include letter writing, writing a CV, a biography and debate.

Weekly spellings will be posted to Spelling Frame and a copy given for children to stick into their reading journal.

### Maths

This terms units will include shape, position and direction and decimals.



We will also regularly recap our calculation skills to increase our confidence with arithmetic tasks.

### Science





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The focus for this half term will be 'Animals, including humans.' In this unit, children will begin by learning about the different stages of a human life cycle with a focus on the development of a foetus and milestones in babies and a young child. Through research, they will learn about the gestation periods of some animals.

## Computing

In computing this term, the children will be learning to create and navigate databases. This will include entering data and searching information. There will also be a recap on how to stay safe online, which includes sharing digital content and maintaining secure passwords.



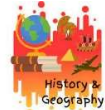
## Design Technology

This term in Design Technology the focus is 'Cooking and nutrition.' Your children will explore where some of their food comes from, particularly for spaghetti Bolognese. They will use the term 'healthy' by unpicking nutritional values displayed on food labels and adapt recipes to make a healthy Bolognese sauce. Please note, your children will need a glass jar with a lid.



## History

This term in history, we are learning about Ancient Greece. We will find out where and when the Ancient Greeks lived, the importance of the Greek gods, differences between Athens and Sparta, how Athenian democracy worked and the importance of Greek philosophers.



## Music

This term, Miss Farmer (a specialist music teacher) will be teaching singing to Year 5. They will learn how to perform with confidence and accuracy, recognising musical notation and perform in different styles and genres. There will be opportunities for composing and potentially performing in a school assembly.



## Spanish

In our unit about the Olympics (Las Olimpiadas), the children will learn to tell somebody in Spanish the key facts of the ancient and modern Olympics, they will learn the Spanish nouns for sports currently in the olympic games, they will learn to conjugate the verb 'practicar' (to practise) and use this to say which sports they do/do not practise.



## PE

PE this half term will be 'Netball' and 'Athletics'.

In netball, children will learn to pass and develop attacking techniques. They will learn to change direction in order to lose a defender, intercept and develop the shooting technique- all of which will be applied to games.

In athletics, they will develop speeds for running for different distances. This will then develop into relays and learning the changeovers before they then move onto learning how do the triple jump. Finally, they move onto throwing, developing force for throwing at a distance.



### **PE days this half term are Monday and Friday**

Please remember to send your children in wearing the school PE kit on these days. Black hoodie and black trousers/joggers can be worn on top of the school PE kit. No bright colours, please!

## PSHE

In PSHE this term the children will be learning about enterprise. This covers why people might want





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to save money, ways in which children can help out at home, learning to budget for items they would like to buy and recognising ways to make money and the early stages of enterprise. We will also discuss inclusion and acceptance. This will include identifying some of the ways in which we are different and unique, explaining some of the elements which help us to have a diverse community, and describing strategies to overcome barriers and promote diversity and inclusion.

## RE

Our RE unit is called Religions in our community: How can we build a more respectful Northamptonshire? We will be learning about the different religious communities found in Northamptonshire and different places of worship in the local area.



## Enrichment

On **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May (2:40pm)**, parents are invited into school for a book look. This will give opportunities for the children to share some of their lovely learning with you.



Enrichment

## Homework Project



You could:

- Choose an animal and find out about its growth from a baby.
- Find out about an Olympic athlete and create a poster to share in class.
- Make spaghetti Bolognese for dinner and upload some pictures to ClassDojo.



## Skills Builder

The Skills Builder Universal Framework provides a common language for building essential skills with children and young people.

Research shows that building essential skills supports social and emotional wellbeing, learning and academic outcomes and careers and opportunities



## Rewards

The children will receive 'Dojo Points' as reward for good behaviour, work and attitude.



## Class information

**Class Teacher:** Ms Kelly Gregory

**Supported by:** Miss Debbie Mair



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Reading journals must be returned to school each Monday so that we can see the children's progress with home learning. We encourage all children to read at least 4 times weekly, practise weekly spellings (tested each Thursday) and learn their times tables.

Please remember if you are making your child a packed lunch, we ask you not to put anything in that contains nuts.

### Dates for the diary!



Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April – Training Day

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April – School opens at 7.45am for Summer Term

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April – Year 1 Cake Sale

1<sup>st</sup> May – 31<sup>st</sup> May – KS1 SATs

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May – Spring Bank Holiday – school closed

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May – King's Coronation Bank Holiday – school closed

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May – KS2 SATs

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May – School Discos

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Y6 Residential Information Meeting

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Y6 Takeover Day

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May – School closes for Half Term

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Training Day – school closed

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June – School opens for Summer Term 2