

General Information

Teaching staff for Year 5/6:

Eagle class (year 6) Mr. Gray.

Owl class (year 6) Miss. Henry

Kestrel class (year 5) Miss. Anderson.

Red Kite class (year 5) Mrs. Chappell

PPA for all four classes will be on a Tuesday afternoon. Cover will be by the following staff:

Eagle class: Miss. Slater

Owl class: Mrs. Bradley

Kestrel class: Mrs. Dellar

Red Kite Class: Mrs. Pearce

Our teaching assistants are: Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Greenwood, Mrs. Rook, Mrs. Hall.

PE:

PE will take place on Wednesday and Friday for year 6 and on Monday and Thursday for year 5.

Please ensure all PE kit is named and in school every day. Children must have suitable footwear, e.g. trainers or plimsolls.

Please note: **earrings are not permitted for PE at all**, and long hair needs to be tied back.

Uniform and Appearance:

We do expect children to wear correct school uniform, and as the oldest in the school to set a good example to younger children. Dresses and skirts need to be long enough to enable girls to sit on benches or the floor modestly and comfortably. Wearing make-up and nail varnish is not allowed/part of our school dress code. We suggest long hair is tied back, particularly to avoid unwelcome visits from head-lice!

Parent Helpers

If you would like to come in to hear individual readers or to help in the classroom on a regular basis, please speak to one of the class teachers so we can arrange to complete a DBS check. We also welcome parents to Forest School; if you are able to help on a regular basis it would be very much appreciated.

Water Bottles

Please make sure your child brings a bottle of water to school everyday.

Pencil Cases

Children are allowed to bring in **one sensibly sized** pencil case to school. If they do not wish to do so then equipment is provided for them.

Walking to school or home from school:

Children are allowed to do this but **only with signed parental permission**.

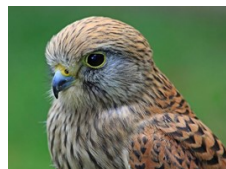
Please let the class teacher know if your child is going home with another child or parent.

Open-door policy:

We are always pleased to talk with parents, either for a quick message in the mornings, or please make an appointment for an after school meeting if you need a longer conversation. We can also be contacted via email using:



Eagle, Owl, Kestrel & Red Kite Classes



Autumn Term Overview

Welcome to the new school year. We hope you had a wonderful summer break. The topic in year 5 and 6 this term is World War Two. We will be finding out about life during the second world war, both at home and on the front line. We will be going on a trip to Stibbington later this month to discover what life was like as an evacuee. More details on this will follow shortly.

Areas of Learning

Maths

We are continuing with 'Maths- No Problem!' following the Singapore mastery Maths approach. All teaching objectives follow the English National Curriculum 2014. The children will be taught using practical equipment and visual representations, whilst recording their learning in written form. Both years 5 and 6 will be working separately in maths across two classes for each year group.

English

In English this term, we will be looking at a variety of different texts based around World war Two. We will be looking at diary entries, poetry and some non-fiction texts, then giving the children the opportunity to write their own. Grammar will be embedded within the English curriculum, and there will be different foci on different pieces of writing.

We will be beginning by writing informal letters as if they were an evacuee, following on from the Stibbington trip.

Science

In Science this term, we will be looking at Electricity and Light. The first half term will focus on Electricity where we will look at voltages and scientific symbols for circuits. The second half term we will be looking at Light—trying to understand how light travels, and how we are able to see things.

Computing

The children will be using our learning platform called 'Purple Mash' where they will learn about coding. They will also be taught about e-safety when using online resources.

Art

After half-term children will be studying paintings from the 2nd World War and exploring the techniques used by the artists before creating their own piece of art.

Design Technology

This half-term, children are looking at structures. They will design and create their own shelter that could be used to provide protection during the Blitz.

Reading

The children will be learning about different types of questions and how to answer effectively using our VIPERS style of questioning. The main topic of the texts we will be studying shall link to our WW2 topic.

In addition to this, children are expected to be reading books of their own choice which they can bring from home to school and to be completing a reading homework activity every week. Please see the reading activities booklet for further ideas.

Spelling

Spellings are taught three times a week on a Monday, Thursday and Friday. Spellings will be given out on a Friday to be learnt for the following Thursday's lesson.

Music

In music we will be listening to some world war two era music, and trying to recreate that using a mixture of tuned and untuned instruments. Then recording our compositions with standard and non-standard notation.

PE

For our indoor physical education lessons, we will be focusing on pair and group work through the medium of gymnastics. The children will be required to apply their knowledge of gymnastics movements to create a sequence, which will be performed in unison. Meanwhile, our outdoor lessons will focus on using strategy and skills learnt in previous years in team games.

Modern Foreign Languages

Spanish to all classes will be taught on a Friday afternoon by staff from Comberton Village College.

Religious Education

Our RE unit for this term is called: Is religion something that you say or something that you do? We will be studying Christian baptism and Jewish Bar Mitzvah to think through this question.

PSHE

In PSHE this term we are looking at Citizenship: Rights, Rules and Responsibilities. This will include lots of discussion and looking at documents such as The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Homework

Pick 'n' Mix homework has been given out to both year groups.

It is expected that three pieces will be completed each half term—only one being the 'black box' activity.

In addition to this, all children are expected to read and complete a spelling and reading homework every week.

In year 6, all children will also be given an additional weekly task based around either English or Maths.