



Red Kites Class (Year 6)

Autumn 1, 2025 Newsletter



What we are learning

Our learning this half term is all about innovations and inventions. We are investigating the Industrial Revolution in history, focussing on the inventions that made the revolution possible, the impact the changes in industry had on towns and cities, and the experiences of working children at this time in history. As part of this learning we will also be exploring the work of L.S. Lowry, thinking about what his paintings show us about life in an industrialised city and recreating our own art in the style of Lowry. Our science topic is Classification of living things, so we will be comparing and classifying different living things based on their characteristics and similarities. In maths we will be building on our knowledge of the formal written methods of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, before moving onto our biggest year 6 maths topic: fractions. Finally, in English we will be writing an explanation text on how Red Kites hunt, a mystery story about a mysterious disappearance, a report on a newly discovered, imagined, new species. and a sonnet based on the lives of children working in the factories during the industrial revolution.

Welcome to Red Kites

I'd firstly like to welcome everyone back and I hope that everybody had a fantastic and restful six weeks off. I am delighted to be able to teach this cohort again with support from the superb Mrs Lynn, Miss Parnaby, Mrs Mawson and Mrs Peace through the year.

We have been so impressed with the children's maturity and enthusiasm for the year ahead. If you ever have any queries or questions please don't hesitate to get in touch at:
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Our Values this half term are

Respect & Kindness

We encourage children to show respect for themselves, others, and their environment. We foster a culture of kindness, empathy, and understanding, promoting positive relationships within our school community and beyond.

Dates for your diary

- 18th September
Individual photos
- 14th & 22nd October
Parents Evening
- 22nd October: Half term
- 23rd and 24th:
Training day

PE Kits Days

Please send your child into school in their PE Kit on Thursday and Friday. Please ensure kits meet our uniform requirements and any ear piercings are removed before school.

Water Bottles

Please ensure your child has a water bottle every day!



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Homework

Homework is crucial in supporting fluency in both maths and spelling and will support learning in class.

Each week, the homework expectation is:

- Complete the spelling assignment on EdShed:
- Complete 20 minutes per week on TTRockstars

There will be homework club on Thursday lunchtimes to help support anyone who cannot access the apps that week.

Children may be asked to attend the clubs if they do not do the homework.

If you have lost or cannot access EdShed or TTRockstars, please let me know as soon as possible.

Reading

Please encourage your child to read at home. Reading for 20 minutes a day exposes children to 1.2 million words over a year, and supports all areas of children's learning.



Let your light shine - Matthew 5:15-16