



# Red Kites Class (Year 6)

Spring I, 2026 Newsletter



## What we are learning

Our learning this half term will start with we will be exploring the continent of North America, in particular the USA. We will be investigating the rise of Silicon Valley, California, and how major tech companies have driven mass economic growth in the area.. In DT we will continue to learn all about different types of bridge structures before constructing our own at the end of the half term. Our science topic is body health. We will be learning about the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way their bodies function. Our maths learning this half term will involve building further on our knowledge of ratio before moving on to algebra and decimals. Finally, in English we will be writing a prequel to a mystery narrative story revolving around an apocalyptic event and then a persuasive leaflet for a tourist destination, complete with trip advisor reviews for the same destination.

In a couple of weeks time we will be embarking on our year 6 residential. It'll be a fantastic experience where the children will develop vital skills. A letter will be sent out at the beginning of next week explaining a few key elements of the trip. Finally, at the end of the term we will be doing Bikeability, more information will follow after the residential.

## Welcome back.

I hope that everyone had an enjoyable festive break and are fully recharged for this jam packed half term. This half term, the wonderful Mrs Lynn and Miss Parnaby will still be supporting the children again.

The children continue to take all the SAT's practice in their stride and it's been fantastic to see their confidence flourish in their own abilities.

If you ever have any queries or questions please don't hesitate to get in touch at: [a.whiteley@kf.starmat.uk](mailto:a.whiteley@kf.starmat.uk)

## Our Values this half term are

Community and Thankfulness

We nurture a strong sense of belonging and encourage active participation in our school community. We teach children the importance of gratitude, appreciating the contributions of others, and giving back.

## Dates for your diary

19th to the 23<sup>rd</sup> January - Residential at Peak Rigg

6th February - Curry and Quiz night

8th to the 12<sup>th</sup> February - Bikeability

9th February - Young Voices concert

## 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!



## 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.

Additional homework will also be set each Monday focusing on an aspect of Maths and SPaG to help support and cement learning.

## 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