



Red Kites Class (Year 6)

Summer 1, 2026 Newsletter



What we are learning

This half term in English, we will start by writing instructions before moving on to writing speech for a short silent film. We will conclude the unit by writing a recount from the perspective of Howard Carter during his discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb.

In Maths, we are finishing our work on statistics and transitioning into shape, position, and direction. To ensure the children are well-prepared for their upcoming SATs, we will continue our weekly arithmetic and morning starter sessions to reinforce their understanding.

Our History lessons will delve into Ancient Egypt, focusing on the daily lives, traditions, and beliefs of children during Tutankhamun's reign. In Science, the class will study the human circulatory system, learning to identify key components and describe their specific functions. Meanwhile, in Art, we will explore Surrealism, creating dream-inspired collages influenced by the works of René Magritte, Salvador Dalí, and Giorgio de Chirico

In Thrive, students are continuing their legacy projects and organizing various fundraising events to turn their ideas into reality. With SATs only five school weeks away, we are prioritising key learning areas to provide maximum support. SATs Booster Club will continue every Thursday until the week of the assessments, which, alongside weekly homework, will help the children feel confident and prepared.

Welcome back.

I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable Easter break! As we enter the children's final full term of primary school, our focus remains balanced. While the upcoming statutory tests are approaching, we still have plenty of exciting learning ahead in our other subjects to look forward to.

This half term, the wonderful Mrs Lynn and Miss Parnaby will continue to support the children in class.

The children are continuing to take all of the SATs practice in their stride, and it has been fantastic to see their confidence grow and flourish in their own abilities.

If you ever have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch at: a.whiteley@kf.starmat.uk

Our Values this half term are

Perseverance and Forgiveness

We empower children to face challenges with determination, learn from their mistakes, and never give up. We also teach the valuable lesson of forgiveness, encouraging understanding and reconciliation.

Dates for your diary

16th April - Cricket workshop

16th April to 7th May - SATs booster club (4 weeks)

23rd April - OPAL afternoon for parents and children 1pm till 3pm

11th to 14th May - SATs week.

22nd May - Training day

PE Kits Days

Please send your child to school in their PE kit on Thursday and Friday. PE kits must meet our school uniform requirements.

As we will be taking part in football and hockey, PE will be outdoors, so please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather.

Please also ensure that any ear piercings are removed before school on these days.

Water Bottles

Please ensure your child brings a water bottle each 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 be set each Monday, focusing on an aspect of Maths and SPaG to help support and consolidate learning. Engaging fully with this work will greatly help to reinforce and embed the children's understanding. This will finish SATs week

Reading

Please continue to encourage your child to read at home. Reading for just 20 minutes each day exposes children to approximately 1.2 million words over the course of a year and supports all areas of learning.

Regular reading helps to develop vocabulary, improve comprehension skills and strengthen critical thinking, all of which are essential as we approach SATs.



Let your light shine - Matthew 5:15-16