

## Parent Information – Autumn 2 2018/19 Curriculum Overview

### Year 5 and 6 - Falcons, Hawks and Kestrels

#### English

In our English lessons this term we will cover a range of text types in our reading and our writing. This term we will be using Talk 4 Writing when teaching children genres and so we will be reading extracts from War Horse by Michael Morpurgo to help us write a diary entry; Extracts from the Hunger Games in order to write a suspense story and finishing the term with poetry. As always we will continue to practice our spellings and handwriting working hard to perfect our presentation.

Each class will now finish their day with 'story time' where as a class we share a story that we enjoy, to promote the love of reading.

#### Maths

In maths this term we will cover a range of topics. We will begin the term by learning about solving problems involving time and reading time tables.

As the term progresses we will move on to learning about fractions, decimals and problems involving fractions and decimals. As always it is important that in school and at home children continue to practice their times tables and basic arithmetic skills; these are the foundations for all the maths to come this year and in the future.

#### ICT

In ICT children will be using the internet to research our topic on the heart. We will be finding out about famous people who have impacted on the development of heart and blood medicine.

#### PE

In PE with Sports Premier children will be taking part in a range of group invasion games to develop control, agility and good sportsmanship skills. We will also be creating a dance based on a film extract 'the piano.'

#### Topic

In our topic lessons we will be learning about more about the history of the heart and some of discoveries that have changed our lives over the years. Children will build their own stethoscope and heart in their DT lessons and create abstract paintings using a variety of techniques in their art lessons.

We will be looking at a real sheep heart to start our science project; for more information, to discuss this further or ask any questions you have, please speak to your child's teacher.

## Blood Heart

#### PSHE/British Values

In PSHE we will be looking at choosing respect as part of the Anti-bullying campaign. Working on building and keeping friendships and solving problems together.

#### RE

In RE we will be learning about Guru Nanak and the Sikh religion. Later in the term we hope to visit The Gurdwara in Derby.

#### Science

We will be identifying and naming the main parts of the human circulatory system, and describing the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood. We will investigate how we can increase our heart rate and record those findings, working on healthy diets and exercise to build a healthy heart.

#### Trips & Events

This term we hope to visit the Gurdwara in Derby, more information will follow shortly. We also will be performing a small Christmas carol concert in the last week of term, again more details will follow shortly.

#### Music & Art

In Music we will be using Chiranga to create and play music on the glockenspiel.