

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

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

#### Topic

This term we will be focussing on our Art skills as our topic: exploring a range of famous artists from Van Gogh to Picasso, to Monet; a wide range of artistic movements from expressionism to impressionism, to pop art; and a wide range of mediums from watercolour paintings to collage.

#### Trips & Events

This term we will be celebrating World Book Day. Children will be encouraged to bring their favourite story book to school and share it with a friend.

#### RE

We are learning about the Hindu Spring festival of Holi and comparing it with the Spring Festivals of Judaism (Passover, which we studied last half term) and Easter.

#### English

In our English lessons this term we will cover a range of text types starting with a non-chronological report on world renowned post-impressionist artist Van Gogh. Following this, the students will develop their writing skills writing a narrative of a 'losing tale' using the structure of Disney's Finding Nemo as a hook.

In our weekly independent writing sessions we will be exploring a wide range of text types including a recount and a balanced argument.

#### Maths

In Maths we will be exploring a range of topics this term. Firstly, we will be looking at **percentages**: being able to convert fractions and decimals to percentages confidently and able to find a percentage of a quantity.

Then, we will be developing our operation arithmetic skills in our final unit on **Multiplication and Division**, consolidating the skills we have learned so far before applying this into more difficult word problems and multi-step problems.

Next, we will do a short unit on **Fractions** practising adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing fractions, some where the denominators are not the same.

Year 6 will also finish with a Year 6 only topic, an introduction to **Algebra**. Students will learn how to use terms and expressions before putting this into real word scenarios.

## Gallery Rebels

#### PE

In PE with Sports Premier children will continue to work with the students in the PE sessions.

#### ICT

In ICT, the children will be using the computers to support their maths work. All children will be competing in TimesTable Rockstars! TimesTable Rockstars is an exciting, competitive and fun approach for students to practise the foundation of mathematics – timetables. They will all receive their individual log in and password, be able to create their own customisable avatars and compete in Battle of the Bands! Any questions on how to complete this at home, please talk to your classroom teacher after school.

#### Year 6 – Supporting for SATs at home

SATs are soon approaching and we are working hard this term ensuring all children make the maximum progress before they leave for secondary school. To assist your child to do the best they can, there are things you can help them do at home:

- ✓ Homework – practising weekly spellings and maths homework.
- ✓ TimesTable Rockstars – practising multiplication.
- ✓ CGP Revision Guides – Revising SATs content and completing questions at the bottom of pages
- ✓ Reading 10 mins x 4 times a week

Any questions, please come find Mr Walker.