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Curriculum Overview
Summer Term 2026
Kestrel, Osprey and Falcon
Year 5/6

Dear Parents/ Carers

Welcome back! We hope you had a very restful Easter break. Term 5 promises to be another busy term full of exciting learning opportunities.

Our History topic this term is entitled 'Britain since the 1950s.' The children will learn how Britain has changed in many significant ways since the end of the Second World War. We will be looking at each decade in turn, examining a range of social changes and contrasting these with today's Britain. We will also study the fashions, music and popular entertainment of each decade. As part of this unit, the children will learn about the Windrush generation and why this is significant.

In Art, we will complete a unit entitled 'Depth, emotion and movement'. This is a drawing unit exploring mark making for showing depth, emotion and movement. This is a Drawing Unit, in which the children will look at how artists show movement in their work.

Our English this term, will be based on the poetry book 'Talking Turkeys' by Benjamin Zephaniah. We will be exploring differing poetry techniques and writing poems of our own. We will also be completing some longer pieces of writing such as story-writing and non-chronological reports.

SATs

During the week commencing 11th May, children in year 6 will be carrying out their End of Key Stage 2 Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs). The children have worked very hard throughout their time at Paxcroft and in particular, this year to ensure they are well prepared for these and we hope that they now feel ready to go into these with confidence. We are very proud of all their efforts and know they will give it their all.

The SATs week timetable is as follows:

Monday 11 th May	Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Test
Tuesday 12 th May	Reading Test
Wednesday 13 th May	Maths Paper 1 – Arithmetic Maths paper 2 – Reasoning
Thursday 14 th May	Maths paper 3 - Reasoning

During SATs week, we will be providing a SATs breakfast for the year 6 children. You should already have had information about this in a separate correspondence.

Reading

Reading is an essential part of the children's learning and we cannot stress enough how beneficial it is for the children to be reading regularly at home. Children in Upper Key Stage Two are encouraged to develop stamina in reading. We will ensure that the book children are reading is appropriately pitched for their ability (whether

this is a book they have borrowed from school or a book they are reading from home) and they are encouraged to read whole texts rather than flitting between books. This will enable them to develop their stamina in reading and understanding of character and plot development. If children would like to read other books or texts (including newspapers, magazines and comics) in addition to their reading book, then we encourage this but they may need to share these with an adult if they are beyond their capability.

PE

PE sessions will usually be held on the days stated below; however, there will be occasions where we will need to be flexible as we are endeavouring to incorporate sessions when we split the year groups to boost Y 6s confidence and readiness for Sats.

Please ensure your child wears their PE kit to school on their PE days.

PE kit should consist of black shorts or jogging bottoms, their house coloured plain t-shirt and their school jumper. Please could be items be named.

Falcon – Thursday and Friday

Osprey – Monday and Tuesday

Kestrel – Wednesday and Friday

Stationery and other personal belongings

The children are provided with all the equipment they will need on a day-to-day basis; therefore, children do not need to have their own pencil cases in school.

Children should bring in a named bottle of **water** (preferably with a sports cap) for use within the classroom.

Planning time

Each week, the teachers in our phase have planning and preparation time, which they complete out of class. This will be on the following days, with the following cover arrangements:

Kestrel – Thursday covered by Mrs Edwards

Falcon – Wednesday morning covered by Mrs Frost, on Mrs Sager's return

Osprey – Tuesday morning - covered by Mrs Frost

Behaviour

In Upper Key Stage Two, we expect all children to be role models to younger children and to be demonstrating the high expectations we have of behaviour and conduct, both in and out of the classroom, and of their attitude to learning.

There are two Y5 taster days coming up at JoG (25th June) and Clarendon (2nd July). More details about these will follow. We will be walking the children to and from the schools on those days so we may be 10/15 minutes late at the end of the school day on these occasions.

We encourage the children's independence in communicating messages; however, any important messages can be communicated via email to the office admin@paxcroft.equamead.org or please feel free to pop in and see us; we hold an open door policy and are more than happy to arrange a convenient time to meet.

Kind regards,

Miss Spratt, Mrs Aland and Mr George