

# Hawks and Falcons

## CLASS NEWS

Spring Term 2025

### Key Learning: A Grecian Legacy



**English: Myths and Legends, Information texts, Who Let The Gods Out? Non-chronological Reports.**

Exploring a range of genres, language and grammatical features.



**Maths: Reasoning and arithmetic**

To use and apply a range of Maths knowledge (calculations) to solve everyday problems

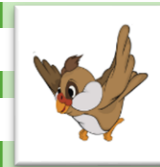


**Creative Curriculum: A Grecian Legacy**

To compare and contrast the influence of European and non-European ancient civilisations on the western world.

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope that 2025 has started well for you and your family and that all the New Year's Resolutions are still holding firm!

Our school New Year's Resolutions include a focus on Relationships (aided by our "Relationship Riley" character), supported by our PRIDE value for this half-term which is Respect. The children will be focussing on supportive respectful relationships in and out of the classroom, to help them with their learning.



### **DATES FOR THIS TERM:**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Jan INSET day -

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> Jan - Children back to school

21<sup>st</sup> Jan - Parents Meeting re SATs 3:15

Hawks Classroom

27<sup>th</sup> Jan - Mock SATs week

3<sup>rd</sup> Feb - Children's Mental Health Week;

Dress to Express Day

10<sup>th</sup> February - Parents Eve this week

14<sup>th</sup> Feb - Hawks Class Assembly, followed by a book look.

*HALF TERM 17th February 2025 - 21st February 2025*

28<sup>th</sup> February - Falcons Class Assembly, followed by a book look.

10<sup>th</sup> March - Book Week

Week of 10<sup>th</sup> March - Bikeability

17<sup>th</sup> March - Class Photos

31<sup>st</sup> March - Well-being Week starts

3<sup>rd</sup> April - 1.20pm End of Term for pupils.

**Our topic: A Grecian Legacy.** Within this topic we will be looking at the history of Greece, in particular the achievements of the Ancient Greeks and their influence on western civilisation. We will be comparing and contrasting this period of history with that of a non-European civilisation - the Mayans - which will also give us the opportunity to discover differing physical and human Geography between these two parts of the world. In Science, Year 6 will be looking at the human body and its systems, followed by living things and their habitats. Our Art and DT units will also be linked to our topic, and the children will be exploring and creating artwork inspired by Greek masks/and designing our very own playground.

Our English work will also be linked to our topic. Our class text will be *Who Let the Gods Out*, which is a fantastic story about a boy who discovers the world of Greek gods on Earth. We will read the text and then do various pieces of writing based around the text. In Maths, we will be revising all of our prior learning as well as teaching a few new skills such as long division, multiplying fractions and dividing fractions.

**Mock SATs Week:** We will continue to work on preparing the children for SATs. There will be 3 Maths papers: Arithmetic, Reasoning 1 and Reasoning 2; and a Reading paper. We will be holding our Mock SATS week on 27<sup>th</sup> Jan. This is a chance for pupils to experience how SATS week will run, and gives us the chance to iron out any issues before the real week. We will send more information about the SATs after the holidays.

There will be a parents' meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> January to discuss SATS, so that you have an understanding of what the children will be doing. The meeting will be held in Hawks classroom, straight after school. It should last no more than 20 mins.

**Homework:** We will continue to set homework on Seesaw. It will be posted on a Monday, and due to be submitted by the following Monday. Spelling sheets should continue to be completed daily, and brought into school to be checked. Reading diaries should still be brought in every Friday, so that we can reward the children when they read around the world!

**P.E:** Both Year 6 classes have PE on Mondays and Wednesdays. PE is often done outdoors, unless it is raining, so please make sure children come to school on those days in suitable kit - tracksuit bottoms, warm jumper and trainers. Earrings and watches **must** be removed for the lessons. Fridays will continue to be mufti days. School uniform must be worn on Tuesday and Thursday. Leavers' Hoodies can be worn as part of the PE kit, after Christmas.

Please don't hesitate to come and have a chat with us if there is anything you would like to discuss. You can always email on the class email address, or call or email via the school office.

Mrs Phillips and Mrs McAteer.