



Uffington Church of England Primary School



Red Kites Class Newsletter – Autumn 1

Welcome

Welcome to Red Kite Class. I hope you had a lovely summer, and are all feeling refreshed and ready for a new start. I am looking forward to our first term together, and teaching a range of new and exciting topics. Here's to a happy, fun and hard-working first term together.

Reading

Reading will be taught in both English and Guided Reading sessions. Phonics sessions will be taught to any children who require further support in this area. Children will also have a class reader that will be read to the class over the term. This term the children's class read will be Noah's Gold. Also your child will bring home their home reading book, please ensure that their reading record is signed a **minimum** of three times each week.

Writing

Writing will be taught through weekly handwriting sessions, as well as through our English sessions, Active Spelling and Active English sessions. Written themes will include letter writing, narrative and recount genres. Grammar, punctuation and spelling will be developed through the specific teachings in Active Spelling and English.



Maths

This term's focus will be place value – up to 10,000, addition and subtraction and times tables. Children will practice and improve the recall and accuracy of their times tables through their work in class and on Tackling Tables program at home.



Science

Our topic this term will be investigating forces and magnets. The children will investigate examples of pushes, pulls and twists. Know there are different forces and be able to define and describe the relationship between friction and surfaces, and how friction is used in





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modern life. Investigations will involve predicting, investigating, measuring and recording. Using scientific enquiry to explain their results.

Computing

In computing the children will explore analysing data through the use of yes/no answers. They will explore how these can be used to identify and compare objects. They will create their own y/n questions, before using these to split a collection of objects into groups.



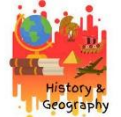
Art

Our topic area is painting and children will be given the opportunity to share their ideas about painting. Begin to understand and explore vocabulary associated with art – tint and shade. They will explore mixing colours and create shades through the inclusion of black and white. Compositions will be developed across the term, with a focus on Still Life.



History

In history this term the children will be exploring How Children's Lives Have Changed. They will make inferences and deductions from primary and secondary sources. They will compare their own lives in 2025 with children's lives from the past. Identifying any continuity and change. They will study the jobs children had to do in Tudor and Victorian times, explaining how life for children has changed and developed across history.



Music

The focus this term in music is dynamics. The children will be creating vocal and body sounds, how music can change through the environment, using instruments, body and voice to create a seaside soundscape and create and represent sounds using symbols.



PE

This term the children will be understanding and enhancing their skills of Netball through understanding of rules and different types of movement in attacking and defending.



PSHE

In PSHE this term the children will be completing activities around cycle safety and coming home on time. Activities will be done in the form of role-plays, question





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and answer and drawing and writing exercises. Children will be given the opportunities to share their ideas and ask questions in an open forum.

RE

In RE the children will be learning about God in Hinduism and Islam. They will be gathering further knowledge of how The Hindu and Islam faiths understand and worship – 'God' and children will be given to the opportunity to compare the religious beliefs of Hinduism and Islam with Christianity, looking for similarities and differences.



Enrichment

This term we will be aiming to take part in some outside learning activities. Wrapping up warm and putting our wellies on as we take on the Autumn weather.



Homework

No specific homework sent home each week. However, please read a minimum of three times a week with an adult, and have your reading record signed. Also, once you have your login for Tackling Tables, please take the time to complete the practice activities for your section – Year 3 children will be assigned their passwords and activities next week.



Rewards

The children will receive 'House Points' as reward for good behaviour, work and attitude.



They will also earn Gold Stars for being kind and courteous.

Class information

Class Teacher: Miss Johnston

Supported by: Mrs Herrick, Miss Azzopardi, Miss Ford

Please remember to name your child's school jumper or cardigan.

We request that all children bring a named water bottle to school every day and when the weather is warmer a sun hat and sun cream.

Please remember if you are making your child a packed lunch, we ask you not to put anything in that contains nuts.



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Dates for the diary!

Autumn 1

Tuesday 2nd September – Training Day

Wednesday 3rd September – Training Day

Thursday 4th September – Pupils First Day of School

Friday 5th September – Whole school worship in Church – 2.00-3.00pm

Friday 12th September – Swimming begins for Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 pupils

Friday 12th September – Mufti Day (donations for the September Social children's tombola)

Saturday 13th September – Bourne Grammar School 11+ Paper 1

Friday 19th September – PTA September Social – 5.30-7.00pm on the School Field

Saturday 20th September – Bourne Grammar School 11+ Paper 2

Thursday 2nd October – Individual School Photos (pre-school siblings from 3.00pm)

Friday 3rd October – Parents Drop in and Read (all year groups) – 8.45-9.15am

Friday 3rd October – School Harvest Thanksgiving service in Church – 2.00pm

Tuesday 21st October – KS1 & KS2 Parents Evening – 4.00-6.30pm

Wednesday 22nd October – EYFS, KS1 & KS2 Parents Evening – 4.00-6.30pm

Friday 24th October – Whole school worship in Church – 2.00-3.00pm

Friday 24th October – School closes to pupils for Half Term

