

Year 5 Hawks & Falcons Class Newsletter

Autumn Term 2024

Welcome back to school and to your new classes! We hope you had a great summer break and are ready for an exciting new year. Miss Carmichael and Mrs Hughes are excited about the year ahead and look forward to working with all the children and their parents.

If you have any questions or queries and need to get in touch don't hesitate to contact us via our class dojo.

Topic/Curriculum

Our first topic this term is Ancient Maya and South America. This should be a great opportunity for cross-curricular learning with some exciting writing and art work. We will learn about the Geography of South America and Mexico and the History of the Ancient Maya including their Maya Writing System and the Maya Calendar - do you know anything about this already?

Our English work will have a strong link with our topic work and will begin with a novel study of 'Oh Maya Gods' by Maz Evans.

Homework and Routines

A big focus this year is spelling and times tables. Children will be bringing home a book to practice their spellings and times tables. In addition, we aim to encourage all children to read as much as possible at home. Children will collect stamps on their 'Starbooks' loyalty card for each time they have a signature from reading at home. On completing a stamp card children will receive a prize and enter their card into a prize draw for the end of term. We will be checking in class that children are reading at least 3 times a week.

Snacks

All children are encouraged to bring a small healthy snack for morning and afternoon breaks. This should no longer include crisps, sweets or chocolates.

We also have a **no-nut policy** in class due to allergies.

PE Kit

PE days will be Mondays and Tuesdays. Children should bring their PE kit to school which should consist of plain black or navy shorts or joggers, a white T-shirt with the KPS logo and a plain sweater for the colder weather.

Remember to check your class and whole school dojo regularly for updates on Year 5 and other important information.

We can't wait for our year together!

Miss Carmichael & Mrs Hughes