



Red Kite Class

Year 5 & 6 pupils

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart”

Colossians 3:v23



Welcome back!

I hope you all had a lovely summer break. In school we have been preparing for a busy term and I have been looking forward moving classrooms again! There is much more space in this classroom to help accommodate our larger class this year, as well as having air conditioning, which will be appreciated by all!

Red Kite class this year will be taught by myself (Mr Hartley), supported by Teaching Assistant Mrs Stevens every morning and two afternoons. Mrs Stevens worked with Owl class last year so our Year 5s will already be familiar with her. Mrs Rose, who was our Teaching Assistant last year, is now working with our nursery and reception children.

On Tuesday afternoons Red Kite class will be taught RE and music by Miss Cunningham and on Wednesday afternoons for one hour they will be taught French by Mrs Broadhurst.

If you have any queries throughout the term please just ask, either by emailing me through admin@huby.n-yorks.sch.uk or for a chat in person at the end of the school day.

Homework

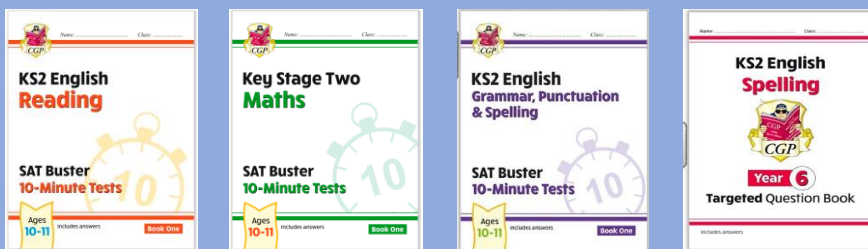
Reading; even though the children are reading fluently it is still important that your child reads their school books several times a week. Please can you sign your child’s reading record every time your child reads. I don’t mind if your child writes in the book name and date but the book needs a signature from an adult or older sibling. The children will receive house points for reading at home and I am hoping to see a minimum of **four signatures (four reads)** in their reading records every week.

Mathletics: Weekly tasks will be set for the children on Mathletics. These tend to match what your child has been taught in school at the same time, but not always. Often children find Mathletics tasks more challenging than the maths they complete in school so they may need your help, which is fine. The username and password will be stuck in to your child’s reading record.

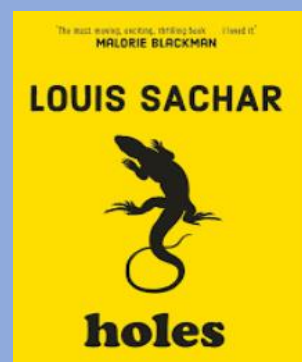
TTRS: Times Tables Rock Stars passwords will be stuck in to your child’s reading record.

The children will be given CGP learning books. Every **Friday** the children will be given page numbers to complete in each book. The children will need to hand in these books, with the relevant pages completed, every **Wednesday**.

The Year 6s have four homework books, shown below:



The Year 5s have three homework books, shown below.



For **Guided Reading** we are reading Holes, which is a great book. The children will be reading, discussing and answering questions about this story every day.

Initially in **Literacy** we are basing our writing around this story in the form of newspaper reports and diary entries, as well as focussing on parts of our Grammar.

Science: Living things and their habitats.

For the first half term the children broaden their knowledge of how vertebrates, invertebrates, plants and micro-organisms are grouped using shared characteristics. They discover how Carl Linnaean developed the Linnaean and binomial systems for classifying and naming living things.

After half term the children will learn about **Light and Reflection**. The children will study unusual luminous objects and investigate the properties of light transfer. They will also learn about how our eyes allow us to see and how mirrors can be used in a variety of ways, as well as learning and testing periscopes.

Up to half term in **RE** the children will explore the question: What does it mean if Christians believe God is holy and loving? After half term they will try and understand why Christians believe Jesus was the Messiah.

In **history** the children will be learning about the importance of having a census whilst in **geography** they will explore where our energy comes from.

In **PE** the children will learn and partake in health related exercises in addition to playing netball. Red Kite class will have PE on **Mondays** and **Fridays**. On these days please send your child in wearing their PE kit.



Educational Visits this term.



On Monday 27th November all Year 5 and Year 6 children will be going to Robinwood, Barhaugh Hall, Alston, Cumbria, for two nights, returning on Wednesday 29th November. Nearer the time we will hold an open evening in school to discuss what will happen during the residential and answer any questions you may have. Our year 5 and 6 pupils visited Robinwood two years ago and both staff and children had a great time.



Linked to our geography topic of where our energy comes from, the children will visit Drax power station, Selby on 5th December. We will let you know nearer the time the details of this visit.