


<p>English English, in Term 1, is all about adventure and the great outdoors!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our writing will be inspired by our class novel (<i>The Explorer</i> by Katherine Rundell) a beautiful picture book (<i>The River</i> by Marc Martin) and the age-old classics of the Famous Five. • We will be writing a range of short texts to develop our vocabulary and embed grammar, punctuation, composition, and language techniques in our writing. • Our writing will include: a dramatic, tension-filled story opening based on an accident; a non-fiction survival guide with instructions; dialogue showing thoughts and feelings and a diary entry written in the 1st person, • We will also explore poetry writing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guided reading will largely be done as a whole class and children will focus on developing reading skills as well as book talk. • Vocabulary, spelling, punctuation and grammar is taught daily through our reading and writing and extended practise as well as through on-line apps including Doodle Spelling and Doodle English which can also be accessed at home. <p>The Red Kites will be reading most days so need to remember their school reading book and Reading Record.</p> <p>The children are old enough to read independently at home however we encourage all parents to listen to their children reading at least once a week and support the children to record in reading records daily.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Red Kites</i></p> <p><i>Welcome to Red Kites. We have a fantastic year ahead. Teachers are Ms Parks (Mon, Tues and Wed am) Ms Loudon (Wed pm, Thurs and Fri) Learning will be supported by Ms Hawkins and Mrs Clark</i></p>  <p><i>Don't forget to look at our class webpage for photographs and updates on our learning</i></p>		
<p>Maths Our focus in maths is prioritising the firm foundations We are developing the children's use of models to support their understanding, reasoning and proving skills.</p> <p>The main areas of focus for this term are Place Value and Addition & Subtraction. In Year 5 the children use column methods for arithmetic.</p> <p>Daily 'short maths' sessions will focus on number fact skills through the NCETM's Mastering Number KS2 programme.</p> <p><i>Please support your child's learning at home by practising times tables and ensuring the use of Doodle Maths for 10 minutes every day.</i></p>		<p>Geography This term, our humanities focus will be geography. We will be learning about rivers.</p> <p>Each lesson is based on an enquiry question to encourage thinking and discussion.</p> <p>We will investigate the water cycle, why rivers are important to people, how rivers are formed, where the main rivers in the world are located and the impact of flooding nationally and globally.</p>	<p>French The topic area for this term is 'Basics'. We will be learning greetings, classroom instructions and stationery, counting and how to describe our birthdays.</p> <p>Children will learn vocabulary and how to say and write sentences as well as French adjectives and pronouns and basic verb conjugations. Oracy is central to our teaching.</p>	
<p>PSHCE This term our PSHCE focus is 'Be Yourself'. We will revise the Zones of Regulation and strategies we can use to regulate our emotions and then explore tricks for building confidence and how to make good decisions.</p>	<p>PE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The children will have two PE lessons a week: Games (Monday) and Hockey (Thursday) • We will be running the Daily Mile or taking part in another fitness activity every day <p>All children must wear suitable clothing for PE running the Daily Mile every day.</p>	<p>Science In Term One, our science focus is Life Cycles.</p> <p>The Red Kites will study why plants have flowers and how to clone a potato. They will compare the lifecycles of insects, amphibians and mammals and learn about why birds lay eggs.</p> <p>All Science lessons are based on enquiry questions and develop scientific working skills alongside the development of knowledge.</p>	<p>Art and Music The Red Kites will be exploring Typography & Maps, developing ideas and practising techniques and media in our sketch books.</p> <p>In music the Red Kites will explore sea shanties and body percussion looking at patterns and rhythm.</p>	<p>RE The Red Kites will investigate the enquiry question: What are the key beliefs of Sikhism?</p> <p>Computing We will start the year exploring coding and learning about nested loops, functions, and conditionals.</p>