

Yr 6 – Sparrow hawks

We hope that you have all had a fantastic summer holiday and that your children are ready for an action packed year!

Our main topic for the half term is the history of Crime and Punishment from the Anglo-Saxon times until the present day. This topic focuses on using historical evidence to find out about the past. During this topic we will cover the following areas:

- How effective was Anglo-Saxon justice?
- How do we know what punishment was like 800 years ago?
- What does the legend of Robin Hood tell us about medieval justice?
- Would you be a highwayman?
- Why did punishments become so bloody?
- The Gunpowder Plot
- Victorian Crime



As part of our topic we will be visiting The Tower of London on (Date TBC) where we will be exploring the life as a prisoner at the Tower. We will also be going on a digital mission to help William Seymour's loyal wife Arbella try and free him from the Tower of London!

In PE we will be doing Gymnastics and Tennis. *PE lessons are on **Monday** and **Fridays** for Sparrow hawks. In this term the children will need to have suitable clothing for the declining weather, this may include a tracksuit as well as their shorts and t-shirt as we will be outside until Christmas. We would be grateful if you could ensure that your child has a plastic bag in their PE bag for muddy trainers and kit! We do apologise in advance that the children will get muddy and will bring home muddy kit and trainers regularly!*

- In French we will be speaking, listening, reading and writing using the vocabulary related to body parts and zoo animals.
- In Music our focus will be on dynamics, duration and rhythm patterns.
- In ICT our focus is on coding, using the program 2code.
- In PSCHE we will spend time considering our emotions: how to recognise and deal with them; friendships and issues these can raise; and the theme of bullies and bullying.
- In Science we will learn about blood and the circulatory system.
- In RE we will be thinking about what incarnation means.
- In Maths we will be following the National Curriculum. This half term we will be focussing on place value to a million and the four operations – addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. It is essential that your child knows their times tables well in order to access this teaching, with confidence.
- In English we will link our topic work and our English to look at The Witches Song, from Macbeth. This stories with historical setting and flashbacks; and explanation texts. We will focus on the Year 5 and 6 spelling words, which are in your child's diary.
- Homework will be given in English and Maths. This will be set on Tuesdays and will be handed in the following Tuesday.

Please feel free to catch us any time after school if you have any concerns or want to discuss anything throughout the year. We are **always** happy to discuss matters that are important to both you and your child.

Mr Cowling and Mrs Khan.