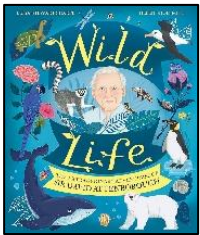





## SUMMER TERM INFORMATION

Dear Sparrowhawks class parents/carers,

A very warm welcome back to you all as we begin our Summer Term. We hope you had a lovely Easter break and are feeling refreshed for the exciting weeks ahead. We have a busy and enjoyable term planned, with lots for the children to look forward to. Alongside all of the learning and class activities, there are several special events coming up, including Sports Day, Gastrells Got Talent, the Year 4 residential and a class trip. We are sure these will be wonderful opportunities for the children to have fun, build confidence and create lasting memories. Please find below some information about the term ahead:

English	  <p>Writing – Letter formation &amp; dictation, Creative Writing – Space Exploration VIPERS – Reading comprehension</p>
Maths	Y3 - Fractions, Measurement & Time, Geometry Y4 - Decimals, Fractions, Measurement & Time
Science	Y3 – Plants, Forces and Magnets Y4 – Energy – Sound, Animals including Humans
Art	UV Glow Art, Ceramics, Printing
Design and Technology	Product Design & Cooking
Music	Singing & Melody
Computing	Programming – Repetition in Games E-Safety – Health Wellbeing and Lifestyle
RE	How and why do people try to make the world a better place?
PSHE	Zones of Regulation Growing and Changing, Valuing Difference.
Humanities	Y3 – What was important to Ancient Egyptians? Are all settlements the same? Y4 – Ancient Mayan Civilization and the impact on their society. What are rivers and how are they used?
MFL - Spanish	Birthdays, Seasons, Celebrations
PE	Rounders & Cricket (Tue & Fri)

Warm wishes,  
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Please may we also remind you of the following:

### **Morning Arrival**

Please ensure that your children arrive promptly at 8.45am as retrieval tasks are set for the initial 15 minutes of each day to support consolidation of learning.

### **Communication**

As always, our door is always open for you should you like to have a chat about anything or ask any questions throughout the year. We would much rather putting your mind at ease over anything you are unsure of or any concerns that you have, so please do be in touch.

The school will now only be using text and Eduspot emails as our primary form of daily communication. It is **really** important that you therefore log on daily and check messages to be sure you and your children don't miss vital information.

**Please keep an eye on your notifications and inform the office team if you have any issues with this platform.**

### **Snack**

Children are welcome to bring snacks into school for morning break time. Please remember, snacks should be fruit/vegetables or a healthy cereal bar, not crisps or chocolate/cake bars.

(Please remember that we are a 'nut free' school).

### **Lunch**

Please remember to pre-order your child's hot dinner via ParentPay. Should you forget to order a lunch in time, please contact the main office at your earliest opportunity.

### **Homework**

**Reading**– Please listen to your children read as often as you can and also read aloud to your child. This not only supports their individual reading progress, but also fosters a love of literature and engagement with books.

**Guided Reading** – Guided reading books will come home from this term, with an expected page number for your child to read up to. Please support your child to come prepared with 2-4 VIPERS questions to share during group discussions on Tuesdays.

**Spelling** – Spellings will be available on Spelling Shed on a Friday and children will be tested the following Friday. Please ensure that you have your log in details and that your child can access their words.

**Maths** – Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS) - 30 minutes across the week please– preferably split into short 5-10 minute sessions. It is essential that children are proficient with their times tables in order to be able to access their maths learning as multiplication links to so many concepts including fractions, percentages and decimals which are very challenging without this foundation.

Please ensure that you have your log in details and that your child can access their account.

### **Class Trip**

Sparrowhawks will be attending a class trip this term. More details will follow shortly.