



AUTUMN TERM INFORMATION

Dear Sparrowhawks class parents/carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to warmly welcome you all to Sparrowhawks class for the upcoming year. We are really delighted to be teaching your children and are looking forward to sharing some really exciting projects and learning.

This year, Miss Mahaffy will be teaching Monday to Thursday am, and Mrs Radway Thursday pm and Friday. The following information will provide a deeper insight into the term ahead, as well as a reminder of our Gastrells ethos, which is built around the core values of PRIDE, underpinning all aspects of our academic, social and emotional curriculum. We are looking forward to a fantastic year together!

English	 		
Maths	Number & Place Value		
Science	Animals including Humans & States of Matter		
Art			
	Jackie Morris	Paul Cezanne	Njideka Akunyili Crosby
Design and Technology	Lantern Making		
Music	Loops & Layers, Young Voices		
Computing	Coding with Scratch & Computational Thinking Creating Media – Website Design		
RE	What do Christians learn from the Creation narrative? For Christians, what kind of world did Jesus want?		
PSHE	Zones of Regulation Me and My Relationships		
Humanities	History - How have Children's Lives Changed? Geography - Where Does our Food Come From?		
MFL - Spanish	Dates, Pets		
PE	Gymnastics & Invasion Games (Mon & Fri)		

Warm wishes,
Miss Mahaffy & Mrs Radway

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 uses text and emails via Eduspot for 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.

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 10-15 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 Trips

We have organised a number of exciting enrichment opportunities for Sparrowhawks this year including fundraising days and attending a class trip next term.
...More details will follow shortly

We look forward to welcoming your children soon.