

# UKS2 AUTUMN 1 NEWSLETTER

## HELLO!

Welcome back to school! We hope you all had restful summers and are ready and raring to go! We will be spending a lot of time this half term establishing our routines, learning our new school values and settling back into school life. This half term is quite a busy one in UKS2 and there are a few dates and key messages that will be shared over the coming weeks.

## WHAT ARE WE LEARNING THIS HALF TERM?

Writing	Explanation text and narrative writing
Maths	Place value and four operations
Science	Reproduction in Plants and Animals
History	Why did Britain once rule the largest empire the world has ever seen?
RE	What does it mean if God is holy and loving?
PE	Year 5 – fitness and swimming Year 6 - fitness
Music	Music and Technology: How does music bring us together?
Art	Drawing: I need space
Computing	Computing systems and networks - Systems and searching
Jigsaw	Being Me

## READING DIARIES

Every child has a newly formatted reading diary this year. These are a vital part of the children's equipment as they contain passwords, key knowledge, Book Bingo, statutory spelling lists etc. Because of this, reading diaries need to be in school every day and they will be checked by a teacher on Friday PM. Expect random spot checks too! Please ensure **the children** fill these in daily with work completed at home: this could be reading, spelling, guitar practice, dance lessons baking a cake...anything! The expectation is that **the children** then show you their completed weekly entries prior to Friday for you to sign, ready for them to be checked.

## PE DAYS

PE days are as follows:

Eagles → Tuesday and Friday

Kestrels → Thursday

Kites → Wednesday

On PE days, children can wear PE kit to school and stay in kit all day. However, this must be correct PE kit (house tshirt, dark bottoms, dark sweatshirt and trainers) and weather appropriate: assume PE will be outside!

## YEAR 6 DART

Year 6 start DART lessons on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September. The programme is a 10-week course with a graduation at the end, which teaches children how to make the safe and healthy decisions which they will need as they develop into adulthood and beyond. The children will be involved in discussion and activities and will watch video clips during which they will meet the DAaRT Crew. These young people often get into risky situations, and the class will help them make informed decisions about keeping safe and healthy. During the course, the children will use a workbook, which they can bring home and share with you. They will be learning about responsibility, pressure and peer pressure, confident communication, bullying and cyberbullying, risks and consequences, stress and recognising their support networks. **There will be an optional briefing session to give you information about the DAaRT Programme that your child will take part in in the coming weeks. The session will be held at 3:30pm on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September in Mr Edwards' classroom.**