

Newsletter - Summer Term 2026 Osprey and Buzzard Classes

Welcome to the summer term at Fairfields - we hope you all enjoyed your break over Easter! This term, we are going to be exploring a wide range of exciting topics and activities together.

In English, we are going to be studying two more novels: *Boy in the Tower* by Polly Ho-Yen and *There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom* by Louis Sachar. We will be exploring the events in both stories, inferring characters' emotions and the choices they make in a range of situations. We will also be continuing to practise a range of grammar and spelling rules. Alongside this, we will also be writing a range of pieces, both fiction and non-fiction.

In maths, we are going to be looking at shape including shape properties, transforming shapes (e.g.: reflections and translations) and angles. We will be revising the written calculation methods we covered earlier in the year and using these to solve increasingly complex problems. Finally, we will be looking at statistics and analysing data, interpreting and evaluating graphs and charts as well as finding information within a variety of timetables. Times Tables Rockstars will continue as usual – it is really important that the children are confident in their times tables so we expect them to practise at home regularly.

In science, we will be looking at living things and their lifecycles. Within this topic, we will also be developing our confidence with drawing a range of different graphs. In the last half term, we will be focusing on our geography topic: 'Coasts'. We will be learning more about coastal features of the UK before looking at the development of tourism in Clacton.

In RE, we will continue to study two world religions – Christianity and Sikhism. We will be considering the different ways in which Sikhs and Christians show their commitment to God.

Within our PSHE lessons, we will be learning about relationships and how changes affect us both physically and emotionally. We will also be completing our Sex and Relationships unit for Year 5.

For PE, we will be working on striking and fielding games, including cricket in the first half term and moving on to athletics in the second half of the term.

In computing, we will be learning about the world wide web and how it consists of many websites and web pages that can be accessed using the internet. We will interact with websites; change and add images on a website and create our own individual websites based on a topic of our choice.

Our art unit in the summer term will focus on architecture: Big or Small. We will begin to think about the purpose of architecture and the roles and responsibilities that architects have in society.

In French, our topics will be 'Habitats' – finding information within French sentences - and 'At the café' – where the children will gain confidence with their spoken French by asking for an order at a French café.

Concerning homework, the children are expected to read daily at home; complete their weekly spag.com homework and learn their weekly spellings. We will also be visiting the library regularly. In addition, the children should be practising on Times Table Rockstars at least three times a week.

We have been able to secure a day of VR workshops, these activities will link with our Space and Life Cycle topics.

May we remind you of the correct equipment that your child must have at school at all times. It is essential that your child has their own pencils and black handwriting pens. Please ensure that your child's equipment is sensible and will not distract them or others from their work! Please also ensure that your child has the correct uniform and that it is clearly labelled.

We are looking forward to having a fun and engaging last term in Year 5. If you have any concerns at all, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Mr Gonzalez and Mr Vincent