

## Buzzards class newsletter Term 1

September 2025



Dear parents and carers,

The aim of this letter is to supply you with all the information ready for the year ahead in Buzzards Class so that we can all have a successful transition into Year 3/4. I will be available at the beginning and end of most days should you ever want to discuss the next academic year in September. It was a pleasure to meet Year 2 children making the move up to Buzzards class and into a new classroom. Welcome to the returning Buzzards children from last year.

Please see our class newsletter below:

### Curriculum

As the children begin Key Stage 2, there will be higher expectations for the quality of work that the children produce. They will continue with the enquiry-based curriculum that we introduced this year. In term 1 our enquiry questions will be “How can we feel the force?” and “How can we find out about people in the past?” The first of these enquiries focuses on the states of being; Scientist and Engineer with Scientist being the lead State of Being. Throughout this enquiry, children take part in multiple experiments to understand magnetism and friction. With the final challenge being a magnetic game designed, created and evaluated by the children.

Our second enquiry lends itself more to being a Historian, Geographer and Artist. We will be going back in time using artefacts, music and different pieces of art work to understand how things have evolved over time. Children will have the chance to create their own Art in the way of a self-portrait which will be included in their personal history box.

### PE and Uniform

Buzzards class will be having PE on Tuesdays and Wednesdays each week. You will need to send your child to school in their PE kit on these days. This includes a red or white t-shirt, black shorts or tracksuit trousers, and trainers. Please also make sure your child has a water bottle. For the rest of the week, please send your children in with correct uniform as per the school’s uniform policy.

### Snacks

As mentioned in meet the teacher, Buzzards do not provide a healthy snack (fruit or veg) at breaktime. If you would like your child to have a healthy snack at break time please do send them in with either a piece of fruit or veg.

### Reading

Year 3/4 is another opportunity for the children to gain or develop a ‘love of reading’. Please make sure your child reads their book at least five times per week. Discuss the book with them to help with their comprehension and record any comments in their yellow reading record. Comprehension questions can range from asking about different vocabulary in their book to retrieving information they have previously read to check understanding. Please spend between 5 and 15 minutes sharing a book with your child each time. Children will need to bring their reading book and reading record to school each day, and take it home at the end of the day. It is the child’s responsibility to change their reading book when they have finished with it. If your child is reading a colour banded book they will receive one fully decodable book per week if they have read it 3 times through at home then it will be changed. They will also choose a shared reading book to take home to be read alongside you.

## **Homework**

In addition to reading, children are expected to do the learning conversations homework which is sent home once a week. This goes home in their red homework book and must be returned on a Monday. The children also have 5 spellings to practise, which are taken from the spelling rule they are learning that week. Please spend at least 5 – 10 minutes writing out and practising these spellings at least 3 times every week.

## **Additional Adults**

Within Buzzards class we will have additional adults teaching on various days. Our Teaching Assistants across the week are; Mrs Bush (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday), Mrs Simmons (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday), Mrs Sparey (Monday, Wednesday and Thursday), Mrs Hampson (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday) and Mrs Hutchings (Tuesday, Thursday and Friday). Mrs Bush will also be teaching Buzzards on a Thursday afternoon for Mr Taverner's PPA time.

## **Year 4 Multiplication tables check**

Children in year 4 will be taking part in a statutory multiplication tables check at the end of the year. I recommend that you practise times tables with your child at home as much as possible. Your child will have their TT Rockstars login stuck in the front of their homework book and sent home on Monday. Alternatively, you can practise for the test by using the fun, interactive Hit the Button activity on [www.topmarks.com](http://www.topmarks.com)

Yours sincerely,

Mr Taverner