

## **Buzzards class newsletter Term 5**

**April 2026**

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you all had a restful and relaxing Easter Break. We have lots of exciting learning to look forward to in Term 5 of Buzzards Class.



### **Enquiry**

During Term 5, Buzzards will be investigating the 'Big Question', 'How do plants die?'. Throughout the term, children will identify and name parts of a plant and how they can be revived if beginning to die. Children will conduct 2 experiments looking at plant growth and how to keep them healthy. This enquiry is also an opportunity for children to be Artists. They will be creating botanical drawing using fine pencil work and charcoal to create shading. Also, children will be Geographers where they will be identifying the tropics and biome areas around the world where plants grow in greater amounts.

### **PE Kit**

Buzzards class will continue to have PE on Tuesdays (First Sports) and Wednesday 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. Our curriculum this term focuses on two sports; Rounders and Athletics. I will be teaching Rounders, while First Sports will be teaching Athletics.

### **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 year 3 and 4 statutory spelling list. Please spend at least 5 – 10 minutes writing out and practising these spellings at least 3 times every week. Spelling tests will continue to happen on a Monday when homework books are returned to the classroom. Homework is given back to children on Tuesday.

### **Year 4 Multiplication tables check**

Year 4 will have their statutory times table test in June 2026. In school we have already begun the process of interventions and ensuring all children are practising during the school week. Please continue to encourage your child at home to practise times tables using the online resources available (topmarks, ttrackstars). Children will be taking part in a 'Try it out' to become familiar with the process of the test.

### **Music Lesson and Instrument**

Starting on Thursday 23rd April, Buzzards are lucky to be having 10 weeks of Ukulele lessons. Lessons will take place in the classroom in the afternoon. Children will have the opportunity to take the instrument home if the waiver is signed when it goes home on Wednesday. There will be a concert in Term 6 to showcase their learning.

Yours Sincerely,  
Mr Taverner