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This half term in English, Red Kites will be exploring the Reading Root *The Wolves of Willoughby Chase*. Pupils will deepen their comprehension skills by analysing character motives, themes, and historical context. They will explore how authors build atmosphere and tension, and will discuss vocabulary, inference, and authorial choices. As writers, this half term, pupils will explore the text *Can We Save the Tiger?* Through this powerful non-fiction text, children will learn how writers use facts, structure, and emotive language to inform and persuade. They will develop their own informative and persuasive writing, focusing on conservation, environmental responsibility, and how humans can protect endangered species.

History: - This half term, pupils will study the causes, key events, and impact of World War II. They will explore life on the Home Front, evacuation, rationing, and the role of significant individuals. Through sources, timelines, and enquiry-based tasks, children will develop a deeper understanding of how the war shaped modern Britain and the wider world.

DT : - In DT, pupils will focus on cooking and nutrition. They will learn about seasonal ingredients, cultural food traditions, and how to prepare dishes safely and hygienically. Children will design and make a recipe inspired by global cuisine, developing practical skills and an understanding of healthy eating.

PE: In Cricket, children will develop key striking and fielding skills, including batting technique, bowling accuracy, and effective teamwork in small-sided games. They will learn how to apply tactics, communicate clearly, and play safely and confidently. Our second unit will take place in the Forest School area, where pupils will engage in outdoor and adventurous activities. They will build resilience, problem-solving skills, and cooperation through challenges such as navigation, team tasks, and exploring natural environments. Children will need a full PE kit every Monday, including suitable outdoor clothing for Forest School sessions.

Maths: - This half term, pupils in Year 5 will be developing their understanding of decimals and percentages. They will learn how to convert between fractions, decimals, and percentages, and apply this knowledge to real-life problem solving, including money, measures, and practical contexts. Children will continue to build fluency through reasoning tasks that help them make connections across number. Year 6 will focus on statistics and geometry. Pupils will interpret and construct a range of graphs and charts, analyse data, and draw conclusions using mathematical evidence. In geometry, they will deepen their understanding of shape properties, angles, and coordinates, applying these skills to multi-step problems. Across both year groups, pupils will continue to strengthen fluency and confidence through regular arithmetic practice and problem-solving challenges designed to encourage flexible thinking and mathematical resilience.

Science: - This unit explores how humans and other animals reproduce. Pupils will learn about gestation, development, and the changes that occur as humans grow from birth to old age. They will compare life cycles across species and investigate how reproduction ensures the continuation of life. This topic encourages curiosity, scientific enquiry, and respectful discussion.

PSHE: - This term's PSHE learning will follow the RSE curriculum. Pupils will explore healthy relationships, personal boundaries, growing up, and emotional wellbeing. Lessons will be age-appropriate, respectful, and supportive, helping children develop confidence and understanding as they mature.

RE: - Why is the Torah so important to Jewish people? Pupils will learn about the Torah's significance within Judaism, exploring its teachings, traditions, and role in guiding Jewish life. They will reflect on how sacred texts influence beliefs, values, and identity.

Music: - This half term, Music will focus on rehearsing for the KS2 production. Pupils will develop performance skills, practise singing and expression, and work collaboratively to prepare for the end-of-year show. A reminder that our show will take place on Tuesday 30th June @5:50pm and Wednesday 1st July @ 1:45pm.