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Dear Eagles and Falcons,

Well, we hope you managed to get stuck into the challenge we set you on the last newsletter and have had some interesting and fun conversations with your family. We hope you are all able to make the most of the new rules to exercise as many times as you like – as long as you're doing so safely.

The time is flying by at the moment, how can it possibly be term six already? We all hope that you enjoyed the half-term and had a little break from the fantastic work you have been doing.

Thank you to all of your grown-ups who took the time to send us some of your work. We have really enjoyed seeing the effort that you have put into your home-learning – thank you for brightening up our days!

Spotlight on... Mrs Town

Me aged 6 in a dress. Must have been a special occasion as I didn't wear dresses very often!



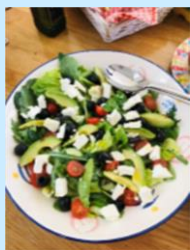
Alex by the lighthouse
in Southwold.



I grew up in Maidstone and was really adventurous! I loved riding my BMX bike, roller-skating and climbing trees. My friend had a big tree house in his garden with a huge cargo net and swing and I spent most of my free time up there. I moved to Ashford when I married Mr Town and I was working at the William Harvey Hospital. I love the sea and we often go to Southwold in Suffolk to visit family and friends. I have two children, Charlotte who is 17 and Alex who is 12.

Things I love:

Seaside, gardening, cooking,
yoga and movie nights.



I love gardening and cooking, I made this salad for lunch with salad leaves growing in my veg patch. Did you guess which fruit I'm growing in my greenhouse? It's a melon!



Writing and History tasks:

Here is everything that you will need to complete your writing and history tasks:

[Writing help sheet](#) – this contains the reminders for both genres for the new adventure trail.

[Maya Religious Beliefs Teaching Pack](#)

[Maya Civilisation information Pack](#)

Science Investigations:

You can access the science investigations that we have selected from British Science Week here:

[Science Investigations PDF](#)

Remember to ask for permission from your grown-ups, ask for help if you need it and follow any safety instructions.

Maths – Twinkl Times Tables Challenges:

Can you complete 100 in 5 minutes?

Ultimate Times Tables Challenge Tests –

[1](#) / [2](#) / [3](#) / [4](#)



There is an interesting challenge on the CBBC Newsround website at the moment. It's called the 'draw on my back challenge'. Don't panic, grown-ups...there's no actual drawing on each other going on here. Follow this link to see what it's all about.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/52680418>



It would be interesting to see whether there is a difference in how well siblings can do this, compared to how well grown-ups perform.



Swifts, Swallows or House Martins?

Falcons class know that Mrs Clark is obsessed with birds (Eagles, you probably remember too?). So we have decided to set you an extra challenge in this newsletter. Whilst the world is slowing down and people are having their every-day lives disrupted, nature is still doing its thing! There are some natural signposts throughout the year that we have come to recognise – like the daffodils and tulips signaling spring and bluebells showing us we are on the way towards summer. We have another interesting one for you. This point in the year marks the return of swifts from Africa. They only actually spend around three months of the year here. They are remarkable birds, doing everything 'on the wing' – even sleeping! Swifts are very often confused with swallows but they actually aren't related. We have a couple of links for you to look at and wonder if you might keep your eyes peeled in the sky over your gardens or while on your walks (there are plenty flying around the countryside which surrounds the Godinton estate) and see if you can tell the difference between the two. The key is looking out for the forked tail of the swallow and the narrow wings of the swift as they dart around – sometimes in large groups. If it is sitting on a wire, it'll be a swallow as swifts don't stop flying other than to nest. Have a look at these links to help you identify them and then pass on your new found knowledge. We can't wait to test you on it when we next see each other.

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/globalassets/downloads/documents/conservation--sustainability/help-swifts/amazing-swift-facts.pdf>

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/wildlife-guides/bird-a-z/swallows-and-martins/>

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