



Year 6 Kestrels Newsletter – Autumn 1

Welcome

Welcome to Kestrels class! We are excited to welcome the children back for their first term in Year 6! It is sure to be a fun-filled and busy term.

Reading

This term we have chosen 'The Railway Children' by Edith Nesbit as our reading for pleasure text. We will be reading this text whenever we get a free minute during class – it's sure to be a wonderful read.

Our writing lessons will give us the opportunity to read 'Beowulf' by Michael Morpurgo and 'Macbeth - A Shakespeare Story' by Andrew Matthews & Tony Ross.



Writing

This term we will be beginning the term using a short film clip called 'The Piano'. This unit will give us the opportunity to write a character description, a flashback and a letter.

Following this, we will use the story of 'Macbeth' to support us to write a balanced argument and a newspaper report.

Towards the end of term, we will read 'Beowulf' and write newspapers and kennings.



We will also use this term to embed key grammar and punctuation skills from previous year groups.

Maths

This terms units will include:

- Place Value
- Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division
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We will also be ensuring children are up to speed with their times tables knowledge as this will support their arithmetic skills throughout the year and link to the all the other areas of maths which will follow our Autumn 1 units.

Science

During our Science lessons this term, the children will be classifying living things. They will be learning about the work of Carl Linnaeus, learning how to describe and classify animals, plants and micro-organisms.



Computing

In computing this term, the children will be learning the basic principles of creating and maintaining a blog in a controlled and safe environment. They will also learn about history of the internet.



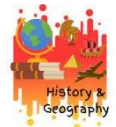
DT

This term in DT we will be designing and creating a new school playground. The children use a variety of materials to create their playground, as well as learning how to safely use saw to cut dowel and jelutong.



History

In history this term, the children will be learning about the census. They will learn to identify the type of information the census gives about people. They will then use the census to make inferences about people from the past, providing supporting evidence for their statements. Observations from the census will further support them to identify changes between periods of time.



Music

The focus this term in music is 'Happy' by Pharrell Williams. The children will be using their knowledge of rhythm, tempo and pulse to learn and perform their version of the song.



PE

PE days this term will be Mondays and Wednesdays. Children are reminded that they should come to school wearing their school PE kits on these days. On a Monday, children will be taking part in gymnastics in the hall and on a Wednesday, the children will be taking part in fitness outside.



PSHE

In PSHE this term the children will be recapping 'The Zones of Regulation'.



They will be using the zones throughout the year to identify their physical and emotional feelings, as well as techniques for supporting them to overcome difficult and new situations.

RE

In RE, the focus will be on Hinduism. The children will learn all about India and their culture. They will then go on to learn all about Hindu deities, Mandirs and how Hindu's worship.





Homework – to be completed before 20th September 2023



Find out the following information before your RE lesson in week 3

- What deities do you already know the name of?
- How many can you find out about before next week?
- What are deities?
- What are the names of any deities?
- Can you find out any information about any deities?

Weekly Homework

- Read 5x per week for 10 minutes
- Practice times tables as often as possible (TTRS, Tackling tables, online games)
- Spellings – Beginning in week 2 of Autumn 1, weekly spellings will be handed out and should be practised ready for assessment the following week (Spelling frame)



Skills Builder

The Skills Builder Universal Framework provides a common language for building essential skills with children and young people.

Research shows that building essential skills supports social and emotional wellbeing, learning and academic outcomes and careers and opportunities



Rewards

The children will receive 'Dojo Points' as reward for good behaviour, work and attitude.



Class information

Class Teacher: Mrs Mutch
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Please remember to name your child's school jumper or cardigan.

We request that all children bring a named water bottle to school every day if they do not have one in school, and when the weather is warmer a sun hat and sun cream is necessary.

Please remember if you are making your child a packed lunch, we ask you not to put anything in that contains nuts.

Dates for the diary!



Autumn 1

Monday 4th September – Training Day

Tuesday 5th September – Training Day

W/B Monday 11th September- Reception children start - mornings and lunch only

W/B Monday 18th September- Reception children start full time

Friday 22nd September – Wear Red for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy Day

Friday 29th September – Mufti Day – Wear Green for Lakelands Hospice

W/B 2nd October – Parents' Open Sessions (Reading) – days and timings tbc

Harvest Festival - tbc

Tuesday 10th October – School Photos (individual & siblings)

Tuesday 17th October - Parents Evening – 3.30pm - 6pm

Wednesday 18th October - Parents Evening - 3.30pm - 6pm

Friday 20th October school closes to pupils for Half Term