



## Year 6 Kestrels Newsletter – Autumn 2

### Welcome

Welcome back to Kestrels class. We hope you had a lovely half term. We are looking forward to a busy term in the lead up to Christmas.

### Reading

This term we will continue our reading for pleasure text 'Cogheart' by Peter Bunzl. We will be reading this text whenever we get a free moment during class, as well as reading the story books for our Writing units.

Our writing lessons will give us the opportunity to read 'Cosmic' by Frank Cottrell Boyce and 'Clockwork' by Phillip Pullman. Both books are a wonderful read!



During class reading lessons, we will develop children's inference skills and focus on their understanding of tricky vocabulary, as well as answering written comprehension questions about these.

### Writing

This term we will be beginning the term using the book 'Cosmic' which we really love and are excited to read with the children. This unit will give us the opportunity to write an information text and narrative.



Following this, we will use the short film 'The Day of the Dead' to support us to write a setting description, diary and non-chronological report.

Towards the end of term, we will read 'Clockwork' and write a persuasive leaflet and a ghost story.

In grammar lessons, we will teach the children how to use and identify modal verbs and the subjunctive mood. We will also teach the children how to use a wide range of punctuation to mark clauses.

## **Maths**

This terms units will include:

- Fractions
- Converting between units of measure



Our fractions unit will allow us to build on our arithmetic skills by adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing fractions. We will also be further developing our knowledge of equivalent fractions. When converting between units of measure, we will recap how many ml in a litre, grams in kilograms etc. in order to support our reasoning skills. Discussions around measurement conversions at home will further support this.

## **Science**

During our Science lessons this term, we will be learning about light and reflection. Children will describe how light travels and how we see luminous and non-luminous objects. They will consider the factors that affect the size of a shadow and describe how the distance between an object and the surface its shadow is cast on affects the size of the shadow. Additionally, children will use mirrors to make a working periscope and explain how a periscope works using ray diagrams.



## **Computing**

In computing this term, the children will begin by learning about online safety. The children will learn how to identify benefits and risks of mobile devices, have a clear idea of appropriate online behaviour and understand the positive and negative influences of technology on health and the environment.



We will then move on to learn all about text adventures. Children will plan, make and map adventures in 2code.

## **DT**

This term in DT, children will design and create a waistcoat. They will use a template to mark and cut out a design. They will learn to use a running stitch to join fabric together and will attach a secure fastening and decorative objects.



## **Geography**

In geography this term we are investigating the question 'Why does population change?'. The children will begin by learning about how the global population is changing. They will then discuss birth rates, death rates, why people migrate and how climate change is impacting the population. Finally, we will conduct some fieldwork in our local area about how population is impacting our environment.

## **Music**

This term, the children will be learning about Jazz music. They will use the pieces, Bacharach Anorak and Meet The Blues, and learn to play the them before exploring improvisation with the repertoire.





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## PE

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



## PSHE

In PSHE this term the children will be learning about the importance of water safety and how to keep safe around water.



They will then move on to learn about risks associated with alcohol and how alcohol can affect your health.

## RE

In RE, we will be continuing our learning about Hinduism. The children will build on their knowledge from last half term by learning about special words, the story of Rama and Sita and learning about Diwali.



## Homework



This half term the children will receive weekly homework. This will include a maths, reading and grammar activity each week.



## 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.





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## Class information

**Class Teacher:** Mrs Mutch

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**Supported by:** Miss Cunningham

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 2

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October – school reopens for pupils.

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November – Reception 2024 Open evening 4.00pm – 5.00pm

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November - Discos

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Anti-bullying week – Odd Socks Day

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need Day

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December – GAT Training Day – school closed.

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Reception Nativity 2.00 pm

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Nursery Sing-along - 9.0 am.

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Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner and jumper day

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Crafts afternoon 1.30pm

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Christmas Concerts 9.30am and 2.00pm

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 Christmas Concert 2.30pm

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – school closes for Christmas

