



Year 6 Kestrels Newsletter – Spring 1

Welcome

Happy New Year and welcome back to Kestrels class! We hope you had a lovely Christmas and look forward to a fun filled term of learning.

Reading

This term, children will have three books to choose from for their reading for pleasure text. They will be voting for a book of choice next week but before we begin our new one, many of the children would like to finish 'Cosmic' from last half term.

The children will be choosing between:

- The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas
- The Middle of Nowhere
- A Dog's Life

During other class reading lessons, we will continue to develop children's retrieval, inference and summarising skills with comprehension and skills lessons.



Writing

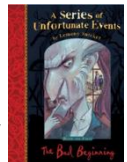
We will be beginning this term using the book 'A series of Unfortunate Events' by Lemony Snicket.

This unit will give us the opportunity to write a character description, a setting description, A diary and a narrative in the style of Lemony Snicket.

Following this, we will use the short film 'Dracula' to support us in developing our writing by using a range of year 6 skills.

Towards the end of term, we will read 'Goodnight Mr Tom' and learn to write a political public address.

In grammar lessons, we will teach the children how to use and identify synonyms and antonyms, hyphens and bullet points to develop their writing even further.





Maths

This terms units will include:

- Ratio
- Algebra
- Area, perimeter and volume



The children will build upon the knowledge they gained during the Autumn term in order to develop their understanding of these topics and will continue to consolidate their arithmetic understanding.

Science

During our science lessons this term, we will be learning about evolution and inheritance. Children will explain why there are differences within a species, recognise the inheritance of characteristics in plants and animals and explain why adaptation is necessary. They will model how natural selection affects population size. Additionally, the children will describe the theory of evolution and recognise evidence that can be used for this.



Computing

In computing this term, the children will be learning all about spreadsheets. By the end of this unit, the children will have learnt how to use a spreadsheet to investigate probability, to calculate the discount and final prices in a sale and plan a school charity day to maximise the money donated to charity.



Art

Our art unit is 'Drawing: Make my voice heard'. During this topic the children will explore expressive drawing techniques, consider how symbolism in art can convey meaning and apply an understanding of the drawing technique 'chiaroscuro' to create a powerful image



History

This half term we will be learning all about World War 2 during history lessons. We will begin by learning about the causes of World War 2. We will then move on to learn about The Battle of Britain, The Blitz and what life was like for evacuated children during the war. We will finish our half term by considering the impact WW2 had on women's lives.

Music

This term, children will learn A New Year carol by Benjamin Britten, as well as other songs by this artist. During the unit, they will build upon the knowledge they have gained so far during Year 6, considering pulse, rhythm, dynamics, tempo and pitch.



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 basketball 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 stealing and worrying. We will be discussing strategies to support us when we are worried.



RE

In RE, we will be starting a new unit 'Beliefs and Actions in The World: Can Christian Aid and Islamic Relief change the world?'. We will start the unit by looking and different charities. The children will then move on to compare Christian Aid and Islamic Relief charities. They will end this half term by exploring justice and fairness.



Homework

This half term the children will continue receive weekly homework. This will include a maths, reading and grammar activity each week. They also have 10 weekly spellings to learn, and the children would benefit from reading at home as often as possible.



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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Supported by: Miss Cunningham

Please remember to name your child's school jumper or cardigan.



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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!



Spring 1

Thursday 4th January – School reopens to pupils.

Thursday 1st February – Whole School Panto – Cinderella

W/B 5th February – Parents' Open Sessions (Maths) – days and timings tbc

Friday 16th February – school closes for Half Term



Spring 2

Monday 26th February – school reopens to pupils.

Tuesday 5th March - Parents evening 3.30pm – 6pm

Wednesday 6th March- Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6pm

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day

Friday 15th March – Red Nose Day – tbc

Thursday 28th March – school closes for Easter

