



Year 6 Kestrels Newsletter – Spring 2

Welcome

Welcome back to Kestrels class. We hope you had a wonderful half term and are looking forward to a busy term. This term we have World Book Day, a visit to Wicksteed Park and a DT day to look forward to.

Reading

This term we will continue our reading for pleasure text 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas' by John Boyne. The children have been really enjoying this book and will be looking forward to finishing it this half term. We will be reading this every day.

Our writing lessons will give us the opportunity to read 'Brightstorm' by Vashti Hardy and 'Beetle Boy' by M.G. Leonard.

During class reading lessons, we will develop children's inference skills and answer a range of comprehension questions.



Writing

This term we will be beginning the term using the book 'Brightstorm'. This unit will give us the opportunity to explore new vocabulary and write a newspaper report.



Following this, we will use the book 'Beetle Boy' to support us to write an information text and a formal letter.

In grammar lessons, we will teach the children how to use cohesion within and across paragraphs to ensure their writing flows.

Maths

This terms units will include:

- Statistics
- Shape
- Position and Direction



Our statistics unit will allow us to learn some important real life mathematical problem skills. Children will be comparing temperature in different countries and finding the difference. They will also recap how to find the mean – something which they have previously seen during Science lessons. In our



shape unit, children will be reminded about different angles, as well as learning about how knowing what the angles in a triangle add up to, can support you to work out the internal angles of many other shapes.

Children will continue refining their knowledge of their arithmetic skills in order to then apply these to written problems. They will be encouraged throughout the term to continue telling the time, and considering units of measure and their conversions – this is something which could be practiced at home and is a great support to real life mathematics.

Science

During our Science lessons this term, we will be learning about circuits, batteries and switches. We will begin our journey by looking at scientific diagrams and learning about the symbols used in these diagrams. We will then move on to investigate how battery voltage or the number of light bulbs affects a circuit. During this unit we will also work on our scientific skills: prediction, recording results and forming cohesive conclusions.



Computing

In computing this term, the children will begin by learning about blogging. They will begin the term by learning what a blog is, as well as the key features. They will then plan and create a blog of their own, considering a theme of their own. They will need to consider the effect upon the audience of changing the visual properties of their blog. Finally, the children will learn how to contribute to other's blogs.



DT

This term in DT, children will design and create a playground. They will plan a playground based on a design brief and using their knowledge of structures from our trip to Wicksteed Park. The children will then learn how to use a saw and a hot glue gun to support them in making their models out of wood for our fun DT day towards the end of term.



Geography

In geography this term we are investigating the question 'Where does our energy come from?'. The children will begin by looking at different energy sources and learning about renewable and non-renewable energy. The children will then look at how the US generate energy and how the UK generate energy and compare it. We will end the unit by looking at the best way to generate energy.

Music

This term, the children will be learning the song 'You've got a friend' and other songs by Carole King. They will be considering how these songs make them feel, whether they tell a story and the age of them.



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 hockey outside and on a Friday, the children will be taking part in badminton in the hall.



PSHE

In PSHE this term the children will be learning about making friends online and In-app purchases.



They will then have a visit from the safer communities team at the council to talk all about healthy relationships.

RE

In RE, we will be continuing our learning about Islamic Relief and Christian Aid. This term, the children will expressing their own views and responses to issues of poverty and injustice, in the light of the religious understanding that they gained last term. They will also be learning about wealth and poverty, and considering what this means to them, as well as considering how theirs and others' attitudes can make a difference to the wider community.



Enrichment

We will be taking Year 6 to Wicksteed Park on Tuesday 12th March to support the children with their DT project- playgrounds. Whilst there, the children will carefully consider the structures in the playground and make sketches for their plans.



Year 6 will have workshops on Tuesday 19th March with the Safer Communities Team from the council to talk all about Healthy Relationships.

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





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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!



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

Tuesday 12th March- Year 6 trip to Wicksteed Park

Tuesday 19th March- Year 6 Healthy Relationships Workshop

Friday 15th March – Red Nose Day – tbc

Thursday 28th March – school closes for Easter



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