



Year 6 Kestrels Newsletter – Summer 1

Welcome

Welcome to Kestrels class! We cannot believe the Summer term is upon us; it is sure to be a busy, successful and action-packed one!

Reading

This term we will be reading 'Pig-Heart' Boy by Malorie Blackman as our class book.

Cameron desperately needs a new heart when he is offered the opportunity to take part in a radical and controversial experiment involving the transplant of a pig's heart. While Cameron soon comes to terms with the idea, he finds the world around him less accepting. A powerful and thought-provoking read.



Recommended reads:

- Kay's Anatomy by Adam Kay
- See Inside your Body by Katie Daynes and Colin King

Writing

We will begin the term by writing a balanced argument. Within this, the children will discuss contrasting viewpoints on whether humans should be given animal organs. We will then write an instruction text using George's Marvellous Medicine as our hook, and we'll end the term by writing a non-chronological report based on everything we have learnt about the heart throughout the term.



Maths

We have now taught all of the curriculum for Maths ready for the end of Key Stage Assessments, so this term, we will be recapping specific areas based on the gaps in children's knowledge. These include:

- Fraction, decimal, percentage equivalence
- Factors, multiples and prime numbers
- Rounding integers and decimals
- Measurement conversions
- Algebra



Following SATs, we will be providing opportunities for the children to recap their learning by collaborating with one another to complete problem-solving projects.



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Science

The children will be learning about the circulatory system this term. They will begin by flashing back to their knowledge of the major organs in the human body, before moving onto learning about the parts of the circulatory system and blood. We will 'make blood' to help us understand each component – any empty 500ml bottles will be really helpful for this. Please feel free to send these into school with children from the beginning of term.



Computing

In computing this term, children will plan, design and create various quizzes using a variety of software- 2DIY, 2Quiz and 2Investigate (on Purple Mash). Throughout the unit, they consider their audience, their ability and interests and make decisions based upon this.



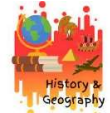
Art

This term in Art, the children will discuss the work of artists that appreciate different artistic styles to help them create their own artwork. They will then create a sculpture to express themselves.



Geography

Our Geography unit this term is, 'Where does our energy come from?' The term will begin with children learning about the significance of energy and learning about the trading routes of sources of energy. They will learn about renewable and non-renewable energy and consider the drawbacks of different energy sources.



Music

The focus this term in music is Ukulele. The children will be building on previous skills from Year 5, developing repertoire and learning new techniques.



PE

PE days this term will be Mondays and Tuesdays. Children will be learning about volleyball and participating in athletics activities. Pupils are reminded that they should have hair tied back and jewellery removed.



PSHE

In PSHE this term the children will be recapping their knowledge of British Values.



RE

In RE, the focus will be 'special stories.' The children will learn about special stories from Christianity, Islam and Judaism.



Homework

Each week, children will receive reading, maths and grammar homework. This needs to be returned on a Tuesday in Kestrels class and a Wednesday in Eagles class.



Project (optional)

Create a model of the heart or circulatory system to bring in and share with the class.



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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 Sian Mutch

Supported by: Miss Abbie 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 and when the weather is warmer a sun hat and sun cream.
- 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!



Monday 17th April – Training Day

Tuesday 18th April – School opens at 7.45am for Summer Term

Friday 28th April – Year 1 Cake Sale

1st May – 31st May – KS1 SATs

Monday 1st May – Spring Bank Holiday – school closed

Monday 8th May – King's Coronation Bank Holiday – school closed

Tuesday 9th May – Friday 12th May – KS2 SATs

Friday 12th May – School Discos

Wednesday 24th May – Y6 Residential Information Meeting

Thursday 25th May – Y6 Takeover Day

Thursday 25th May – School closes for Half Term

Friday 26th May – Training Day – school closed

Monday 5th June – School opens for Summer Term 2