



## Year 6 Kestrels Newsletter – Summer 1

### **Welcome**

Welcome to Kestrels class! We are looking forward to this half term as it means we get to do lots of singing and acting in preparation for end of term celebrations.

### **Reading**

This half term we will be voting for a class book to read for pleasure. The children will be able to choose from a range of books:

- Room 13 - Robert Swindells
- Clockwork - Philip Pullman
- A series of unfortunate events - Lemony Snicket
- Continuing with Pig Heart Boy



### **Writing**

We will begin this half term by researching a wild animal to write a non-chronological report about. We will then recap writing skills we have learnt throughout year 6 to produce some shorter setting descriptions and short stories based on video clips.



### **Maths**

At the end of last half term, we had a go at some real-world maths projects which really had the children thinking about using mathematics in real life – they had to work out recipe amounts and costings to buy the ingredients! We will be revisiting some further real world maths projects, but we will also be revisiting some areas of maths which the children require a recap of:

- Time
- FDP
- Shape
- Area and perimeter



### **Science**

We will start this half term off by finishing our science topic from last half term 'The Circulatory System'. The children will be learning about the affects drugs and alcohol have on the human body.





**Computing**

In computing this term, children will learn to use Excel to create spreadsheets. They will be introduced to basic formulae for percentages, averages and max/min numbers, recognising that using these formulas can help to save time. They will also create graphs to present data.



**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.



**DT**

In DT this term, children will be creating a design brief to fulfil a client request. They will designing and creating a multi-purpose product to eradicate the need to carry large amounts of equipment when trekking.



**History**

Our History unit this term is, 'How did the Maya civilisation compare to the Anglo-Saxons?' The term will begin with children creating a timeline to show the different periods of History which occurred during the Maya civilisation. They will then learn about the challenges the Mayans faced when settling in the rainforests, what Mayan houses were like and the Mayan Gods and Goddesses.



**Music**

The focus this term in music is singing. The children will be learning the songs for their production of 'Aladdin', learning to perform in solo and ensemble contexts, using their voices with increasing accuracy, fluency, control and expression.



**PE**

PE days this term will be Mondays and Wednesdays. Children will be learning about rounders on Mondays and on Wednesdays, children will either participate in swimming, or orienteering. If your child has swimming, they will need to ensure that they have their swimwear and a towel – swimming hats will be provided. They may come to school in their PE kit as usual on swimming days.



**PSHE**

In PSHE this term the children will be learning basic first aid and what to do for head injuries, burns and scalds. Towards the end of this half term, the children will learn about Sex and Relationships Education (SRE) further information about what this will cover will be sent out prior to learning.



**RE**

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



**Enrichment**

We will be going on our year 6 residential to Whitemoor Lakes in the last week in June





# CORBY PRIMARY ACADEMY

(26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>). During our time there, the children will take part in a large range of activities including rock climbing, paddle boarding and orienteering.

## Homework Project – please complete at least 1



1. Create your own Maya jewellery using cardboard, foil and gems.
2. Make a Maya headdress out of cardboard, coloured paper and feathers.
3. Create a large timeline of major events that occurred during the Maya civilisation.
4. Find out what Mesoamerica is like today.
5. Make a Maya pyramid temple, using recycled materials.
6. Why not write your own Maya creation story?
7. Prepare a meal using Maya ingredients, these could include tortillas, avocados, beans, squash and root vegetables.
8. Write an acrostic poem about the Maya civilisation.
9. Create Maya bunting. Put information about various aspects of the Maya civilisation on each flag.
10. Research the Maya gods



## 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!



Wed 7<sup>th</sup> June  
5<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> June

Year 6 swimming starts – every Wednesday until the end of the year  
Y4 Multiplication Check



## CORBYPRIARY ACADEMY

12 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Y1 / Y2 National Phonics Check
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 Parents drop-in 2.30pm
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception Cake Sale
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Sports Day 9.30am
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Years 3, 4, 5, 6 Sports Day 9.30am
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Whitemoor Lakes Residential
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Secondary School Transition Day
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports home to parents
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Fete
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Corby's Got Talent!
Dates TBC (July)	Year 6 Production
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Term Achievement Assembly 9am
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Celebration
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> July	End of Term