

Other information

PE will take place on **Tuesday**. Please ensure your child's PE kit is in school!
Swimming will take place later on in the term - more details will be given nearer the time.

How can you help at home?

Reading is a vital skill. Your child will bring home a reading book every night. We would appreciate your support in hearing your child read regularly and returning the book and signed diary to school the following day. **Reading books will be changed each Tuesday ONLY if your child has read to an adult four times and completed the books given.**

Please support your child by listening to them read each night. Asking them questions about what they have read is a great way to help them develop their skills and understanding.

Please sign the reading record book every time you have listened to your child read.

We give homework **every Friday** which has to be completed and returned on the following **Friday**. The homework will be closely linked to our work in class. The homework activities can be English, Mathematics or Science based, with children sometimes being asked to find out information about a topic by doing personal research. They will also complete homework activities on Mathletics, Purple Mash and Timetables Rockstars. We would appreciate it if you could find the time to work with your child through their homework.

Spellings will be given every Friday and need to be practised every night. They will be tested the following Friday and a new set of words will then be given.

We hope you find this information newsletter useful and that it enables you to have some insight into what your child will be doing at school this term. We look forward to working with you to ensure that this first term in Kestrels is a very successful one for your child.

Thank you for your support!

Kestrels' Class Newsletter Autumn Term 2023



**Miss Giles
Mrs Patel**

Curriculum News

English:

Our English topic for this term is Vikings! The children will read and listen to a variety of myths and stories from the Anglo-Saxon and Viking era. They will have the opportunity to write play scripts, stories, poems and reports based on their learning throughout the term.

Our English lessons also include a weekly Extended Write plus vocabulary, grammar and spelling activities and homework will be set related to this.

Mathematics:

In mathematics the children will focus on:

- Place value and mental calculation
- 2D shape
- Length incl. perimeter
- Statistics
- Mental calculation
- Written addition
- Written subtraction
- Written and mental multiplication
- Written and mental division
- Time
- 3D shape

The children will be revising their times table facts 2x, 3x, 4x, 5x, 8x and 10x and learning the 6x, 7x, x11 and 12x throughout this term in preparation for the Times Table check in Summer Term. Please help your child to learn these at home.

Science

Electricity – in this topic children will work scientifically on a variety of challenges and tasks to name appliances that run on electricity, construct simple circuits and understand the dangers of electricity.

Sound – The children will find out all they can about sound; how it travels, pitch and volume. Then investigate materials to see which will provide the best insulation against sound

Geography

Our topic this term is Scandinavia. We will identify the three countries that make up this region of Europe and also look at their population, climate and features. We will compare Scandinavia to the UK. Throughout this topic the children will be developing their atlas work and mapping skills.

History

We will be learning about the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings this term: when they lived, what they did, where they came from and the myths and legends that surround them.

Art & Design Technology

Linked to our Vikings topic the children will be designing illuminated letters and weaving using a small 'lollipop' loom.

RE:

- Called by God
- Exploring the symbolism of light

Computing:

- Internet Safety
- Logo

Spanish:

- Conversations recapping year 3 objectives.
- Meet and greet each other.
- Feelings and emotions.
- Different foods.
- School supplies.
- Days of the week.

Music:

- Glockenspiels - this is an integrated approach to music where games, the dimensions of music (pulse, rhythm, pitch etc), singing and playing instruments are all linked.

PE:

- Gymnastics
- Dance – Viking Raids