

Other information

PE will take place on **Tuesday**. Please ensure your child's PE kit is in school!

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 Thursday** which has to be completed and returned on the following **Thursday**. 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 second term in Kestrels is a very successful one for your child.

Thank you for your support!

Kestrels' Class Newsletter Spring Term 2024



**Miss Giles
Mrs Patel**

Curriculum News

English:

Our English topic for this term is World War 2! The children will read and listen to a variety of stories and non-fiction texts. They will have the opportunity to write diaries, historical stories, narrative poems and a persuasive letter linked to evacuation. 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 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

States of Matter – The children will find out how materials can change from one state to another (solids, liquids and gases), through a large range of simple practical enquiries.

Teeth – The children will find out their names and function and how they change as we grow from a child to an adult. They will also look at the similarities and differences between human and animal teeth. The importance of good dental care will also be discussed and we will look at what happens if teeth are not looked after properly.

History

Our topic this term is World War 2 – The Battle of Britain. The children will look at how life in Britain changed during this key time. They will study rationing, being an evacuee and the Blitz.

Geography

Our topic this term is the UK. The children will develop their knowledge of the UK through finding out more about the individual countries, its counties, towns and cities. They will also name and locate main rivers and mountains. The children will revise compass skills and learn to read map coordinates.

Art & Design Technology

Linked to our World War 2 topic the children will be planning and designing a Morse Code machine. The children will learn how to use a variety of printing techniques to create a camouflage material. Using the artwork of Giacometti as inspiration the children will draw figures showing movement and turn these drawings into 3D wire sculptures.

RE:

- God, David and the Psalms
- Easter – betrayal and trust

Computing:

- Spreadsheets
- Coding

Spanish:

- Days of the week
- Months of the year
- Counting to 100
- Different foods.

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 – 1920s to 1940s dance (Charleston, Lambeth Walk and Lindy Hop)