

Other information

PE will take place on **Friday**. 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 on your child's specific change day 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 book homework **every Friday**, which has to be completed and returned on the following **Wednesday**. 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 Google Classroom, 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 final term in Kestrels is a very successful one for your child.

Kestrels' Class Newsletter Summer Term 2026



**Miss Giles
Mrs Patel**

Curriculum News

English:

Our English topic for this term is Rainforests! The children will read and listen to a variety of stories and non-fiction texts. They will have the opportunity to write diaries, adventures stories, haiku poems and a persuasive report based on their learning throughout the term

Our English lessons also include a weekly Big 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 and 3D shape
- Measures – Length, Capacity and Weight
- Statistics – interpreting and creating bar charts and line graphs
- Position and Area
- Written addition
- Written subtraction
- Written and mental multiplication
- Written and mental division
- Time
- Fractions and decimals

The children will be revising their times table facts 2x, 3x, 4x, 5x, 6x, 7x, 8x, 9x 10x x11 and 12x in preparation for the Times Table check in June. Please help your child to learn these at home.

Science

The Digestive System and Teeth – The children will find out all about teeth, how our digestive system works and look at animal food chains – predators and prey

Living Things and their Habitats -- The children will use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things! They will learn about the 7 characteristics of a living thing; sort living things in a number of ways and make a classification key to identify local invertebrates.

Geography

Our topic this term is biomes. The children will understand the term 'biome' and identify biomes of the world. They will identify features of biomes, including vegetation, wildlife and climate.

Art & Design Technology

Linked to our Biomes topic the children will be planning and designing greenhouses. They will research the artists Oenoe Hammersley and Helen Cowcher and look at how they have used their art style to channel wildlife and the rainforest.

The children will learn how to use a variety of printing techniques as well as developing their observational drawing skills. They will draw and paint a toucan, before using this piece as inspiration to add detail to a final printed background.

RE:

- Women in the Old Testament
- Daniel
- Judaism

Computing:

- Intro to AI and Microbits
- Making Music

Spanish:

- Revise topics covered so far this year
- Name the parts of the body
- Describe where the parts of the body are

Music:

- Bamboo Tamboo and percussion
- Musical notation
- Singing in unison

PE:

- Athletics
- Danish Longball