

Year 6 Newsletter – Autumn 1

Welcome

Welcome to Year 6, Kestrels Class! In this termly newsletter you will find out all about the exciting things we will be learning and any events coming up.

Phonics and Reading

Whole class reading sessions will take place daily, using a variety of texts. We will focus on developing reading fluency, which children can practise at home by reading frequently.

We will also focus on comprehension skills such as inference & retrieval.

We will be reading 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell as our class novel.

Phonics

Recommended reads:

Cogheart by Peter Bunzl

The Nowhere Emporium by Ross McKenzie

The Boy at the Back of the Class by Onjali Rauf



Writing

This term we will begin by writing about the short film 'The Piano'. We will be creating our own letters to families, learning how to create tense, atmospheric writing through sentence structures and vocabulary choices. We will also be focussing on Beowulf by Michael Morpurgo. We will learn about journalistic writing before writing our very own newspaper article. Following this we will be studying Shakespeare's 'Macbeth' and we will look at balanced arguments.



Maths

Our first unit this term is place value. We will be learning how to read, write and understand numbers to 10,000,000. We will also learn how to order and compare numbers, as well as represent them on a number line.

Following this we will be looking at addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. This will include long and short multiplication and division, as well as square and cube numbers.



Science

Our Science topic this term is 'Light'. We will begin by finding out how light travels and how this allows us to see objects, then looking at reflection and refraction. We will also be investigating how shadows are made, and whether the shape and size of shadows can be changed.



Computing

Our computing topic this term is 'Coding'. The children will create their own programmes, using variables to direct their characters. They will learn how to debug the programme when something is not right. At the end of the term we will be creating our own text-based adventures.



Art & Design/Design & Technology

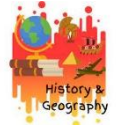
This term our unit will be Art based – the unit is called 'Make my Voice Heard'. We will start by creating our own graffiti tags, then looking at drawings which show the artist's



emotions. We will look at Picasso's 'Guernica' to see how symbolism is used, before creating our own similar piece of work.

Geography/History

Our History topic this term will be the Victorians. We will be exploring who Queen Victoria is and how she shaped Britain today. We will also be investigating the industrial revolution and what it was like for children in school and at work.



Music

The song we are working on this term is 'Happy' by Pharrell Williams. The children will listen to and appraise this song as well as others. Each lesson we will take part in warm up games, where we move our bodies along to the beat of the music. We will then have the opportunity to sing the song and perform it on glockenspiels.



PE (Tuesday & Friday)

Our PE unit this term will be football. We will start by practising our dribbling, passing and shooting skills in pairs and small groups. We will then move to playing games of football and tournaments.



Our other PE unit will be Outdoor Adventure Activities (OAA), which will include team building and working as part of a team as well participating in orienteering and creating their own orienteering course.

PSHE

Our PSHE topic this term is 'Being Me in My World'. We will be identifying our goals and worries for the year, as well as understanding the rights of children around the world. We will find out what it means to be a 'Global Citizen' and how our wants and needs compare with those of children around the world.



RE

This half term we will be learning about Islam. We will be focussing on beliefs and practices and investigating the best way for a Muslim to show their commitment to God.



Enrichment

At the end of this term, we will be holding a Victorian day. We will have the opportunity to find out what a day in the life of a Victorian school would look like as well as exploring Victorian toys and Victorian art.



Homework Project



- Research and write 10 facts about Queen Victoria or put them into a non-chronological report (fact file)
- Draw two different types of Victorian transport
- Design a Victorian themed menu, think about the foods that they ate.



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



Times Tables Rockstars



Spelling Shed



Rewards

The children will receive 'Dojo Points' as reward for good behaviour, work and attitude. Points can be 'spent' on prizes periodically.



Class information

Class Teacher: Mr Smith

Teaching Assistants: Miss Johnson

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 as 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 4th September – Training Day

W/B Monday 11th September - Reception children start- in either am or pm.

Monday 18th September – Y6 Condovery Trip

W/B 18th September – Reception children start full time

Tuesday 26th September – Parents Phonics Workshops 2.00pm & 2.30pm

Thursday 28th September – Parents Phonics Workshops 9.00am & 9.30am

Tuesday 3rd October – Parents Maths Workshops 2.00pm & 2.30pm

Thursday 5th October – Parents Maths Workshops 9.00am & 9.30am

Tuesday 10th October - Parents Evening - 4pm -7pm

Wednesday 11th October - Parents Evening – 3.30pm - 6pm

Wednesday 11th October – Whole school panto – Jack & Beanstalk

W/B 16th October – Parents’ Open Sessions (Reading) – days and timings tbc

Thursday 19th October school closes to pupils for Half Term

Friday 20th October – Training Day