

Year 5 Kestrels NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fabulous start to the year the children have had so far. They have settled really well and are already coping with their new Year 5 challenges. They have returned with huge energy and enthusiasm, and they are fully engaged in the school's behaviours for learning.

In our Geography topic this term, the children will be studying 'My Region and the North Region of Brazil' and 'Coastal erosion'. In our Science lessons, we have two topics - Earth and Space, and Forces. The children will be making predictions, carrying out scientific investigations and analysing and evaluating their results. Knowledge organisers have been included to show you exactly what the children will be learning and are required to know by the end of each topic. You will receive a new one each time we start a new term.

PSHE lessons this term will be delivered using a new programme called Jigsaw. Within this, the children will be exploring two main themes this term: Being Me in my World and Celebrating Difference. We will also be recapping the PANTS programme during this term with the children as we do every year in school.

PE this term will continue to be on Tuesday and Friday afternoons. The children will be covering football and tennis this term. Please send the children in with a named P.E kit. As it will soon start to get cold, can you please also send in a winter P.E kit of sweatshirt and jogging bottoms. They can bring this home every Friday or at the end of each half term if you would prefer.

Homework

As per our Homework Policy, children in year 5 will be expected to spend 2 hours a week on homework activities. Over the year these will include:

- Reading
- Spellings
- Handwriting practice
- Reading comprehension activities
- Grammar and punctuation activities
- Planning presentations
- Researching topics
- Learning Times Tables
- Learning number facts and number bonds
- Practising calculation strategies learned in class

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Supporting your children at home with their reading, spellings and times table practice plays a vital role in helping them make progress. It is wonderful to see the improvements that can be made and with your support, all children will be able to consolidate these essential skills.

Homework will be handed out on a Friday and is due back on the following Wednesday. Please encourage the children to complete their homework every week.

Children no longer have reading diaries in years 5 and 6. They have a reading wallet (kept in school) and are expected to fill in reading cards to detail what they have read. I will be monitoring these regularly to make sure ALL children are reading.

This year will be a very busy one. They will be expected to work hard and stay focussed and your support in encouraging them to do this, would be very much appreciated.

REMINDERS

Water bottles are to be sent in everyday and can also be taken home daily.

Remember to ensure your child brings a coat with them every day.

We look forward to working with you this year.

Mrs Calbreath, Mrs Potter, Mrs Johnson & Miss Anderson



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