

Year 5 Kestrels NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to have the children back after the Christmas break. We hope you got to have some enjoyable, quality time together. The children have come back so positive and are raring to go!

PE this term will continue to take place on Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning. Please ensure that you child has their PE kits in on these days. Their PE topics this half term will be gymnastics and badminton.

Our science topics this term will be Properties of materials and Changes of materials. Knowledge organisers are attached for so you can see what your child will be learning in these topics.

In history, the children in Year 5 will be learning about the Vikings. We will be answering a series of enquiry style questions such as *How did the Viking raid on Lindisfarne change Anglo-Saxon Britain?* And *How great was Alfred the great?* Again, the knowledge organiser is attached.

During our PSHE lessons this half term, we will be focussing on 'Dreams and Goals' and 'Healthy me'. RE will focus on Judaism and Christianity.

In computing, we will be learning about data handling and using databases to present and record information during spring 1 followed by creating videos in spring 2 and using a range of editing techniques.

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
- 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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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.

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.

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 send in a named winter P.E kit ASAP and please ensure your child brings a coat with them every day.

Please don't allow the children to bring in unauthorised fidget toys or pencil cases as these often get lost and are expensive to replace.

We look forward to working with you this year.
Mrs Calbreath & Miss Anderson



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