

Kestrels Summer Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Class	Teacher(s)
Y5/6 Mrs May	Mrs May

Our Curriculum

Alongside our daily reading and writing lessons, key learning includes:

Maths	We will be continuing to learn about reflection. We will also be learning about units of measurement, calculating with decimals and 2D and 3D shape.
Science	We will be continuing to learn about forces and will then begin to learn about living things and their habitats.
Computing	We will be learning about how to handle data and search engines.
Music	We will be listening to and appraising Motown music, including 'Dancing in the street'. We will also be reflecting on the music and knowledge from the year.
RE	We will be exploring the beliefs of Sikhism by exploring the question – 'What is the best way for a Sikh to show commitment to God (Waheguru)?'. We will also explore Christian beliefs through the question – 'What is the best way for a Christian to show commitment to God?'.
D&T	We will be creating a pop-up book and will then be exploring diet choices.
History	We will continue to learn about, and compare, the Mayans and Anglo-Saxons.
PSHE	We will continue to use the 'Paths programme' to help explore our feelings and discuss how best to manage them and make good choices. We also complete 'I wish my teacher knew' weekly and complete small 'motional' activities that focus on wellbeing and emotions. We will also learn about the risks associated with drugs, alcohol and tobacco and explore financial capabilities and careers.
French	We will revisit core knowledge and then learn how to speak about hobbies.
Geography	We will be revisiting biomes and then learning about the OS map and fieldwork.
PE	We will be developing skills in swimming (Yr5), handball, athletics and rounders.
Art	Our units of work involve painting and creative response.

PE

PE will take place on a Friday. Please could children come into school in full PE kit, including their blue PE top and PE shorts. If it is cold, they may also wear tracksuit bottoms and jacket. At all times, hair should be tied back and earrings removed. If the child cannot remove their own earrings, please ensure they are not worn on PE days.

Swimming

Swimming for year 5 children will take place on a Thursday and they need to be in school by 8:30am. Please could they wear their swimming suit underneath their uniform for quick changing.

They will need the following –

Girls: A one piece swimsuit.
(Bikinis will not be permitted under any circumstance)

Boys: Lycra swimming trunks or Lycra Shorts.
(Loose fitting shorts will not be permitted under any circumstance)

Swimming caps must be worn at all times by both girls and boys.

A towel.

Goggles are not permitted unless for medical reasons.

Homework expectations

Reading - Children are responsible for changing their own reading book when they need to. It is very important that children read regularly at home in order to become confident, fluent readers. Please ensure your child reads at least three times each week. Please record home reads in their reading record. These are checked on a Monday morning. Children who have read 3 times are rewarded with a dojo.

Please feel free to read their reading book, bingo book, school library book, or any other books you may own at home! A visit to the town library is also a fantastic (and free!) learning opportunity.

Spelling - New spellings will be given to children each Monday. They should practice these at home on the sheet or on Spelling Shed. They will have a spelling test every Friday.

Times tables – Children should practice their times tables on Times Tables Rockstars. Please contact me if they do not remember their log in.

Drinks and Snacks

We actively encourage children to bring their own named drinks bottle to school as this helps to ensure they have easier access to water throughout the school day. A sturdy, refillable, plastic bottle is preferable. As part of our healthy school initiative, children should only be drinking water in the classroom but may bring juice or squash for lunch. Please ensure snacks for break time are either fruit or vegetable, the school does now provide daily fruit to Key Stage 2.

Class Dojo

We will continue to use Class Dojo to reward the children's learning in school and to keep you up to date with what they are learning in class. It would be great if children logged into their account regularly to also check updates and take responsibility for their learning. Please do not hesitate to message us if you have questions or queries.

Best wishes and thank you for your support,

Mrs May