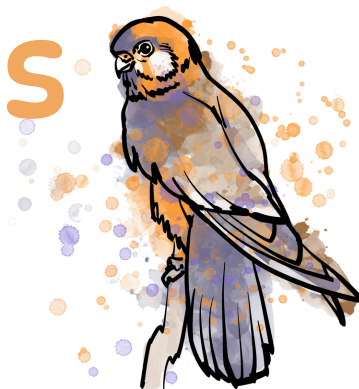




Kestrel Class

Year 3 and 4

Autumn 1 Newsletter



Welcome to the Autumn 1 newsletter.

The teachers in year 4 are Mr Symes and Miss Moore.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to ask. Thank you.

Our Christian Values



Our Christian value this term are:
Kindness and Respect

What are we learning:



In English, we will be writing a range of text types with varying purposes. We will begin the year with a short poem about kestrels, before practising our descriptive skills by writing about a setting and a character. After that, we will move on to writing a balanced argument, and finally, an explanation text. Along the way, we will tackle a selection of Year 3 and 4 English objectives, such as using fronted adverbials and expanded noun phrases.

In maths, both year groups will start the year by focusing on place value. Year 3 will be exploring numbers up to 1,000, while Year 4 will be working with numbers up to 10,000. We will then move on to addition and subtraction, with Year 3 learning to add and subtract three-digit numbers and Year 4 focusing on four-digit numbers.



In science, Year 3 will be exploring the human body, with a particular focus on muscles, while Year 4 will be investigating the states of matter and how these change through heating and cooling.



In art, we will create a piece of work inspired by the American artist Jean-Michel Basquiat.



What are we Reading?

This term we will be reading *Land of Roar* by Jenny McLachlan



We will also be reading a range of picture books, poetry and non-fiction texts linked to our history, science and writing topics



Homework

Each week, the homework expectation is:

- Complete the spelling assignment on EdShed. This will be set each Friday, to be completed by the following Friday.
- Complete 20 minutes per week on TTRockstars (practising all timestables.)
- To read each day, either their school book or a book of their choice.

There will be TTRockstars club on Thursday lunchtimes and Spelling club on Thursday lunchtimes to help support anyone who cannot access the apps at home that week. We also have sheets in the classroom for those who have trouble accessing for that week. If you have lost or cannot access EdShed or TTRockstars, please let me know as soon as possible.

Links and areas to support current learning.

Maths: each half term we have a key instant recall fact that we will focus on. For this half-term it will be:

Year 3: number bonds to 100

Year 4: to count in multiples of 1000 and 25

English: In English, we will be looking at key features of a good quality sentence and how we extend sentences using a range of conjunctions. Here's a website with some subject knowledge to support at home:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zbvqkty#zywrwsg>

Upcoming dates

18th September: Individual Class Photos

8th October: Open Classrooms

14th and 22nd October: Parents' evening

23rd and 24th October: Inset days

PE and Music



PE will be on a Tuesday and Wednesday this term, so children will need to be in their kit that day.



Music will be on Wednesday afternoons, so they will need to bring their instruments in each Wednesday.

TTRockstars

Timestables are a big focus in year 3 and 4 and the children will be practising daily at school and have regular time on TTRockstars. Children are asked to spend time at home, practising these too. We will have a TTRockstar of the week for children who work extremely hard.