

# Kestrel Class



Year 3 and 4

Autumn 2 Newsletter

Welcome to the Autumn 2 newsletter.

The teachers in Kestrel class 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're going to be writing a fantasy story linked to The Land of Roar and Journey by Aaron Becker. During this, the children will create their own fantasy map of their world and use this to write their story. We're going to have a lot of grammar and punctuation focuses during this piece of writing as we are going to break it into sections. After each section, I will share on Dojo the focus of our most recent piece.

We will then move onto an instructional piece of writing which will be linked to The Grinch by Dr. Seuss. The children will be explaining How to Steal Christmas!

In maths, Year 4s are moving onto Area and how to use squared paper to work out the area and compare with other shapes. Then we will move onto Multiplication with a big focus on all the times tables.



Year 3s will continue with their addition and subtraction topic and then move into Multiplication and division, where they will focus on the 2s, 3s, 4s, and 8 times tables.

## 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

# What we are learning continued:

In science, year 3s will be learning about forces. They will learning about friction and magnets, and different pushes and pulls.



Year 4s will exploring electricity. They will be learning about how to make a circuit and what a conductor and an insulator is.

In history, our topic is the Anglo-Saxons. The children will investigate who the Anglo-Saxons were, where they came from, and what we know about their life-style. In addition, we will also be learning about the role of an archaeologist and how they use evidence to form a conclusion.



In DT, we are going to make our own working torches. We will learn how to make a switch using different materials and work in small groups to create a torch that turns on and off. Whilst we will not be able to take these home, I'll take plenty of pictures of the finished creations.





# 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: Know the multiplication and division facts for the 3 times table

Year 4: Know the multiplication and division facts for the 6 times table

**English:** In we are looking at how to correctly punctuate direct speech. Here's a website to help support this:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zhqh92p#zw8wkty>

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# Upcoming dates

- 7th November - Non-uniform day: donations for the chocolate tombola
- 13th November: Year 4s Forest School Day
- 18th November: Year 3's Forest School Day
- 25th Nov - FoKF wreath making
- 27th Nov: Whole School Panto
- 2nd Dec - FoKF Christmas Fair
- 15th Dec - Christmas Discos
- 16th Dec: Christmas Craft Day
- 18th Dec - Christmas dinner and jumper day, carols in the playground (Years 2-6)
- 19th Dec - movie with PJs and teddies

## 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.