

Kestrel Class

Year 3 and 4

Spring 2 Newsletter



Welcome to the Spring 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:
Community and Thankfulness

What are we learning:

In English, we will starting the term off with a revisit of a settings description. The children will be able to see the difference between their writing from September to now. They will be focusing on using expanded noun phrases, prepositions, similies, and metaphors. Then we will move onto making a holiday brochure, using persuasive techniques, all about the city of Athens.



In maths, year 3s will be looking at length and perimeter, then they will move onto fractions, then end the term looking at mass and capcity. Year 4s will be looking length and perimeter as well and then move onto learning about fractions. Then they will start to learn all about how to represent decimals,

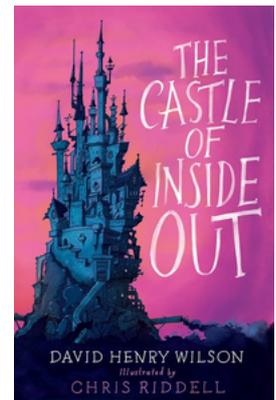


In geography, the children will be learning about the city of Athens and comparing this with York. They will locate human and physical geography of the country, with a focus on graph making.



What are we Reading?

This term we will be reading The Castle of Inside Out by David Henry Wilson.



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 3 will be learning about light and shadow. They will investigate how shadows change shape and how light reflects. This is an exciting time as we've just received a range of new resources from the Ogden Trust, and the Year 3s will be the first class to use them.



Year 4 will be learning all about the human digestive system and the functions of the different parts. We will also learn about the teeth of animals and how they play a part in their diet.

In art, we are learning to paint a water scene. We will be gaining inspiration from 3 different artists: Turner, Monet, and Hokusai. We will take some of their ideas and paint a water colour painting of the River Ouse, using perspective.



In RE, our big question is, 'Why do Christians call the day Jesus died 'Good Friday'?' We will be learning about Holy week and the lead up to Easter.





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: Count in multiples of 50 and 100

Year 4: Know the multiplication and division facts for the 7 and 12 times tables

English: This term we are having a focus on cohesion and linking our paragraphs. We're aiming on using subordinating clauses, fronted adverbials, and prepositions to link sections together. Here is a website to support:

https://youtu.be/COBcWXO_oVQ?si=d86Lp3FZ8PldCJ3B

Upcoming dates

- 2nd March - Parents Evening
- 5th March - World Book Day
- 9th March - Open Classrooms 2:45 - 3:30pm
- 12th March - Parents Evening
- 13th March - Year 4 Forest School
- 20th March - Year 3 Forest School
- 27th - 10th April - Easter holidays
- 13th April- Term begins

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.