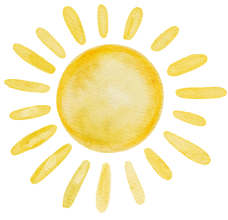


# Kestrel Class

Year 3 and 4



Summer 1 Newsletter



Welcome to the Summer 1 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:

Perseverance  
and Forgiveness

## What are we learning:

In English, we will be writing a persuasive text in the style of a holiday brochure. We will aim to persuade the reader to visit Athens by choosing the most effective language to convince them.

We will then write a short retelling of a myth. In both pieces of writing, we will aim to use all of the grammar techniques we have been learning throughout the year.

In Maths, Year 3 will be finishing our fractions topic before moving on to mass and capacity. In particular, we will focus on using scales and measuring liquids in millilitres and litres.

Year 4 will also be finishing their fractions topic before moving on to decimals. We will then use these skills to support our learning about money.

In Geography, we are learning about where our food comes from. We will explore where in the world different foods come from, how the climate of different countries affects the food they produce, and how this food makes its way to our plates.

## 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 plants. They will investigate the different parts of a plant and their functions.

In Year 4, we will be learning about how sound is made. We will explore how sound travels, how to change pitch and volume, and what happens when we move away from a sound source.



In DT, we will be making Greek salads. Our main focus will be on ensuring a balanced diet and identifying which food groups are included in our salad. We will also learn about knife safety and food hygiene.



In RE, our big question is: 'What was the impact of Pentecost?' We will learn about Pentecost and its impact on the Christian Church.





# 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 8 times table

**Year 4:** Recognise decimal equivalents of:  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$  and  $\frac{3}{4}$

### English:

In English, we will continue to practice experimenting with different sentence types and how to use them to the best effect.

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

# Upcoming dates

- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April: Cricket workshop
- 23rd April: Parent and child OPAL afternoon
- 4th May: Early May Bank Holiday
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May: Year 3 AstroCamp Sleepover.
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May: Teacher training day - pupils off school

## PE and Music

PE will be on a Monday and Wednesday this term, so children will need to be in their kit that day. Mondays will be swimming for year 4s, so they need their swimming bag.



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.