

Kestrel Class



Year 3 and 4

Summer 2 Newsletter



Welcome to the Summer 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:

Perseverance
and Forgiveness

What are we learning:

In English this half term, we will be rewriting a Greek myth in our own style. We will focus on using speech, expanded noun phrases, and a range of sentence types. We will also develop our descriptive writing by using similes and metaphors.

After this, we will move on to writing a classic fairy tale with a twist. The children will choose a fairy tale to retell and adapt in their own way. For example, they might retell Little Red Riding Hood, but make the wolf the hero of the story!

In Maths, Year 4 will finish their topic on money before moving on to time. We will then look at statistics, shape, and position and direction.

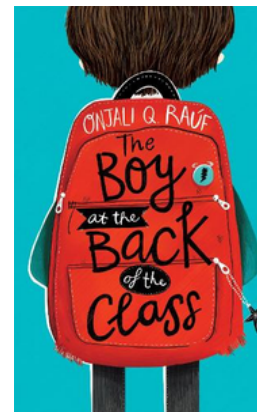
Year 3 will also complete their work on time before moving on to money. They will then study shape and statistics.

In History, we are going to learn all about the Ancient Greeks and their impact on the world. We will explore the city-states, important battles, and how Ancient Greek culture continues to influence the Western world today.



What are we Reading?

This term we will be reading *The Boy At the Back of the Class* by Onjali Rauf



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 all about flowering plants and their life cycles. We will learn about pollination and how seeds are dispersed.



In Year 4, we will be learning about the classification of animals and plants. We will use scientific methods to observe the characteristics of living things and decide how best to group them.

In Art, we will be making Greek pottery linked to our history topic.



In RE, our big question is: Why do some people think that life is a journey? We will learn about significant events within a range of religions.





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: Tell the time to the nearest minute and to know the months of the year

Year 4: Know how many days are in each month and Know all multiplication and division facts up to 12 x 12.

English: We will be practising various elements this term. One will be looking at correctly punctuating possessive apostrophes. Here's a website to support: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zx2ydxs>

Upcoming dates

- Wednesday 3rd June: MTC times tables check
- Thursday 4th and 5th June: Forest School and Camp
- Monday 22nd June: Class Photos
- Wednesday 24th June: OPAL afternoon
- Thursday 25th June: KS2 Talent Show (4pm)
- Friday 26th June non uniform day
- 1st - 2nd July - Moving Up Days
- Friday 3rd July: Sports Day
- Friday 3rd July: FOKF Summer Fair
- Wednesday 8th July: Year 3 and Year 4 music performance to parents
- Friday 17th July: term ends
- Monday 20th July: Teacher Training Day

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.