



Kestrels Curriculum Newsletter

Villages, Towns and Cities Autumn 2024



Mathematics

The children will revisit place value and further extend and deepen their concept of numbers to 20, count in steps of 2,3,5 and 10s, partition numbers to 100 and be able to write numbers to 100 in words. We will estimate numbers on a number line, compare numbers and order numbers. We will revisit number bonds to 10, fact families addition and subtraction bonds within 20. We will learn number bonds to 100 and continue to learn related facts and apply this to a range of addition and subtraction calculations. The children will also be learning their times table facts using the TTRockstars app as a resource to support this.



English

Writing- Using the text Paddington at the Palace, the children will write a story, diary entry and create a leaflet. We will focus on developing writing stamina and accurate punctuation.

Spelling—will be taught daily using the Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Spelling programme which will begin with a review of the Phase 5 phonic sounds.

Reading— will be taught three times a week as a whole class. In addition to this children will have the opportunity to read 1:1 with an adult in school too. During the whole class reading sessions we will look at the skills of reading including: understanding vocabulary, inference, retrieval sequencing and prediction. We will be reading 'Katie in London'.



Home reading books — Changed every **Thursday**

Library books — Changed every **Friday**

Computing

The children will be identifying the different uses of computers and thinking about how information technology is used both within and beyond school. The children will learn how information technology helps and how to stay safe when using tech-

PSHE

We will be spending time establishing routines and expectations together, as well as revisiting our Anker Valley school values and virtues. The children will learn about keeping themselves healthy and the importance of sleep and good nutrition. They will discuss basic hygiene routines and think about who helps us to stay healthy i.e. Doctors and Dentists.



RE

The children will be learning about the importance of looking after and caring for the natural world. They will read and discuss creation stories from different religions including Christianity and Islam. The children will learn about Harvesting and the importance of Harvest Festival. The children in Kestrels will lead our school Harvest Festival on 20th October.

Art

The children will reflect on the idea of artists being collectors and explorers. They will create pieces of work inspired by nature using a range of media e.g. pens, pencil, wax crayons and water colour paints.



Geography

The children will name the four countries of the UK and the capital cities. They will be able to apply this knowledge to maps enabling them to locate the UK on a map and the location of the four capital cities. The children will learn what is meant by 'human feature' and 'physical feature' in Geography and compare the human and physical features in villages, cities and towns.



Science

The children will compare the differences between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive. They will describe how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants. They will identify and name plants and animals in their habitats, including micro habitats and describe how animals obtain their food from plants and other animals with an introduction to food chains.

Key Dates for Kestrels



Friday 20th September— Jeans for Genes Day

Friday 27th September— Harvest Festival 9am led by Year 2

Wednesday 2nd October— **Y2 visit to London**

Tuesday 15th October - Parents Evening

Thursday 17th October— Parents Evening

Thursday 17th October— Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Visit

Thursday 24th October Pumpkin Festival 4.00-5.30pm

Friday 25th October— INSET Day School Closed

Monday 28th October—Friday 1st November—Half Term—School Closed

Monday 4th November— School reopens

Please keep an eye on our weekly newsletter for other dates and events happening in school.

Physical Education (PE)

P.E lessons will be on a **Tuesday** and a **Friday**. Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school; labelled with their name to help when changing. Earrings should be removed and hair tied back. PE kits will be sent home at the end of each half term for washing. We will be further developing skills in dance and football this half term.

Staffing in Kestrels

Mrs A Free — Monday — Friday

Mrs S Garrett— Monday - Friday

Mrs N Horlor — Monday afternoons



Forest School Sessions are a **Monday** with Miss Garrett.

Your child will need to bring a named pair of wellies and puddle suit/ waterproof trousers/coat **every Monday**.

These will not stay in school this year.



How you can support your child at home

Please listen to your child read and share books with them to help foster a love of reading. We kindly ask that you record this in their reading diary to enable them to achieve their Rainbow Read certificates.

