



Kestrels Curriculum Newsletter

At the Seaside

Unit 5

Mathematics



The children will complete their learning on measurement thinking about calculations involving volume, capacity and temperature. They will begin a new unit of learning on fractions, revisiting their learning from Year 1 they will recognise and find $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$. They will begin to recognise and find a third. The children will look at unit fractions and non-unit fractions, recognise the equivalence of a half and two quarters. They will find three quarters and learn to count in fractions up to a whole. They will continue to use Numbots to support their fluency development.

English



Writing- The children will use a text called 'The Snorgh and the Sailor' to explore writing a description, a diary entry, a persuasive letter and explore a piece of poetry by Kate Wakeling.

Spelling— will be taught daily using the Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Spelling programme.

Reading— will be taught daily a whole class. In addition to this children will have the opportunity to read 1:1 with a n 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.

Home reading books — Changed every **Thursday**



Library books— Changed every **Monday**

Computing

The children will explore how music can make them think and feel. They will make patterns and use those patterns to make music with both percussion instruments and digital tools. They will create different rhythms and tunes and compare creating music digitally and non-digitally.

PSHE

Children will learn about keeping safe in the home, including fire safety. They will consider how to keep themselves safe outside. The children will learn about road safety so that they can identify hazards and explain how to cross the road safely, including recognising that there are rules in relation to road safety for all road users.



RE

The children will be introduced to different faith stories for both Christians and Muslims. They will discuss the meaning and importance of the stories for those religious groups. From these stories the children will identify what the stories say to believers about how they should lead their lives.

Art



The children will be encouraged to use their imaginations to transform a familiar object into new forms. The children will think about how to use materials to create a small sculpture inspired by Guatemalan Worry Dolls.

Geography



The children will understand and describe what a beach holiday is like. They will be able to name and locate popular seaside locations in the United Kingdom. They will know about the variety of sea creatures found at the sea-side. They will begin to understand how Britain's railways and roads have changed the way people go on holiday and will visit Llandudno to explore a seaside town.

Science

Children will identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses. They will find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.

Key Dates for Kestrels



Monday 7th April – Kestrel's Rock It Parents session (2:30pm)

Thursday 10th April – Easter Disco (4:30-6:00pm)

Friday 11th April – End of Term Assembly

Monday 14th April – Friday 25th April – Easter Holiday

Thursday 1st May – INSET Day (School closed to pupils)

Tuesday 6th May – Tempest Class Photographs

Thursday 8th May – Parent Workshops to celebrate VE Day

Wednesday 14th May – Year 2 trip to Llandudno

Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May – Whitsun Holiday

Monday 9th June – Diabetes Awareness Week (Wear blue to school)

Friday 20th June – Sport's Day (1:30pm)

Tuesday 1st July – Year 2 Trip to East Midlands Airport

Thursday 3rd July – Summer Fair (2:30pm – 4:30pm)

Saturday 5th July – Festival Celebrations in the Castle Grounds (10am-5pm)

Monday 7th July – Friday 11th July – Fierté Festival Week

Friday 18th July – End of Term Family Picnic, Family Games and Celebration Assembly (12:30pm – 3:30pm)

Please keep an eye on our weekly newsletter for dates and events.

Physical Education (PE)

P.E lessons will be on a **Wednesday** 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 tri-golf for our outside PE learning during this unit and learning to dance with the theme of under the sea for our indoor PE lessons.



Staffing in Kestrels

Mrs A Free – Monday – Friday

Mrs S Garrett – Monday - Friday



Forest School Sessions are a **Tuesday** with Miss Garrett. Your child will need to bring a named pair of wellies and puddle suit/ waterproof trousers/coat **every Tuesday**.

How you can support your child at home



Please listen to your child read daily and share books with them to help foster a love of reading.