



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

This Half Term in Kestrels



OUT OF THIS WORLD!

This term’s learning is all about Space and the Solar System. Through this unit, we will be learning about the relative movement, shapes and sizes of the Earth, Sun and Moon. We will also learn about the rest of the planets that make up our solar system and human’s exploration of space.

WHAT WILL BE LEARNED:

Maths	We will be continuing to learn about Fractions in the first part of this half term. We will be thinking about converting fractions into mixed numbers and visa versa and adding and subtracting fractions with a total greater than 1. In the second part of this half term, we will be revisiting our learning on multiplication and division. We will be learning to multiply 4 digit numbers by 2 digit numbers, and also learning methods for short division and how to solve division problems with remainders. On Friday’s the Kestrels will be learning about Angles.
English	No topic about Space, could not include the idea of aliens somewhere. Our book for this term will be ‘The Kid Who Came From Space’ by Ross Welford. We will be using our class text as the basis for all our reading and writing sessions. We will be writing police reports, letters and making our own comic strips this half term. We will also be focusing on our retrieval and inference skills in our whole class guided reading sessions.
Science	We will be learning all about Earth and Space. Science WOW day– Potions
History/ Geography	(not taught this half term)
D.T/Art	Retro-Futurism and Art inspired by Peter Thorpe. Making space buggies, explorers and rovers.
PE	Dance
French	Oracy and Vocabulary to build up French dialect.
Computing	This half term our computing unit is ‘iCrypto’. We will explore cryptography. We will learn that messages over time have been encrypted and decrypted using ciphers.
PSHE/No outsiders RSE	Yasmine and Tom– Health In R.E we will be studying Humanism and exploring the question ‘Why do humanists say happiness is the goal of life?’
Music	Gustav Holst ‘The Planets Suite’
Visitors/ Visits	Mobile Planetarium Visit

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Please remember to label all your child’s clothing with their name.
- Ensure your child’s PK kit is in school and is weather appropriate for lessons outside. Please also make sure your Kestrel has a plastic bag in their PE bag for muddy trainers.
- Please do not send your child into school wearing jewellery. Small stud earrings can be worn but must be removed for PE.
- Don’t forget to send your child into school everyday with a water bottle, their homework diaries, reading book and a coat.

USEFUL WEBSITES

- <https://satscompanion.com/> (login details are in the back of your Kestrels homework diary)
- <https://spellingframe.co.uk>
- <https://trockstars.com/>

DATES TO REMEMBER

- PE will be on a Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.
- Friday 7th February Interim Reports will be sent home.
- Year 5 Bikeability– 10th-13th Feb and 24th-25th Feb (more info to follow).
- 11th February is Online Safety Day
- Look and Share– Thursday 13th Feb (3.30-4.00) and Friday 14th (8.30-9.00)
- Friday 14th February is Rule Break Day!
- Last day of this half term is Friday 14th February

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