



This Half Term in Kestrels

LAND OF THE DRAGONS!

This term our topic is *Land of the Dragons!* We will be using the exciting text *'How to Train Your Dragon'* by Cressida Cowell as a starting point for much of our learning across the curriculum. Our topic has a geography focus that will take us on a journey around the UK as we ask questions such as: *Where in the UK might dragons be found? How are their habitats formed?* and *Who are the most famous (or infamous) dragons in literature?* Through this novel we will be linking our geography learning with reading, writing, art and more, making for a truly cross-curricular adventure.

WHAT WILL BE LEARNED:

Maths	This half term, we'll be focusing on two key areas: multiples and factors, and fractions. We'll begin by exploring multiples, common multiples, factors, common factors, and prime numbers, before moving on to square and cube numbers. In our fractions unit, we'll learn how to find and recognise equivalent fractions, convert between improper fractions and mixed numbers, and compare and order fractions. Finally, we'll develop our skills in adding and subtracting fractions, including those with the same denominators and those where the total is greater than one.
English	This half term we will be using our class novel, <i>How to Train Your Dragon</i> , to inspire all of our English learning. We will be learning to write in a variety of styles, including a non-chronological report, a persuasive letter and a newspaper. We will also be writing some poetry. Alongside this, we will also have weekly spelling and grammar lessons, giving children the chance to practise and apply these skills in their own writing.
Science	We will be learning about properties and changes of materials.
Geography History (taught next half term)/	We will learn about mountains – where they are located and how they are created – as well as comparing different regions of the UK. We will also be developing our mapping and fieldwork skills, including using maps, atlases and compasses.
D.T/Art	This half term in Art, we will be continuing to develop our sketchbooks building up to a final piece of dragon art incorporating all of the skills we have learnt. We will also be creating a sculpture using carving and modelling techniques. In D.T, we will be building simple mechanisms to make a dragon trap and cooking savoury foods over a fire.
PE	Yoga and Football
French	Oracy and Vocabulary to build up French dialect.
Computing	This half term our computing unit is iCrypo. We will be learning about different types of code to send and receive messages.
PSHE/No outsiders RSE	PSHE– Yasmine and Tom (Health). In R.E we will be studying Islam and exploring the question- What does the Qur'an reveal about Allah and his guidance?
Music	Singing/Ukeleles

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Please remember to label all your child's clothing and tie with their name.
- Ensure your child's PK kit is in school and is weather appropriate for lessons outside.
- 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/> (login details are in the back of your Kestrels homework diary)
- <https://trockstars.com/> (login details are in the back of your Kestrels homework diary)

DATES TO REMEMBER

- PE will be on a Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.
- Week Commencing 24th November – Parent Consultation Week
- Look and Share – Tuesday 2nd December (3.30-4pm) and Wednesday 3rd December (8.30-9am)
- Thursday 11th December – Christmas Jumper Day
- Friday 12th December – Non-uniform in exchange for chocolate tombola donation.
- Tuesday 16th December – Christmas Church Service
- Thursday 18th December – Christmas fayre (during school day)
- Friday 19th December – Last day of term

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