



This Half Term in Kestrels

ROCK ON!

This term our topic is 'Rock On'. This term, our topic is **“Rock On!”** and we're travelling back in time to explore Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. We'll discover how people lived, worked, and adapted, from hunter-gatherers to farmers, tool makers, and hill fort builders. The children will explore ancient artefacts, prehistoric homes, and life-changing inventions to understand how Britain changed over thousands of years.



WHAT WILL BE LEARNED:

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Maths	This term, we will be exploring fractions, learning to add and subtract fractions with different denominators and mixed numbers, as well as multiply fractions by whole numbers and find fractions of amounts. In addition, we will be mastering formal methods for multiplication and division to build confidence and fluency with numbers.
English	This term, our learning is centred around the novel <i>Wolf Brother</i> by Michelle Paver. All our writing will link to the story, starting with a survival guide, then moving on to an adventure story and a persuasive brochure. We will also use the book for our whole-class guided reading lessons. 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 Inheritance and Evolution
History Geography (not taught this half term)	This term, we are exploring changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. We'll discover how people lived, worked, and invented new tools, from hunter-gatherers and farmers to builders of monuments and hill forts, and see how life in Britain changed over thousands of years.
D.T/Art	In DT, we will be designing and creating model shelters, exploring practical building skills. In Art, we will travel back in time with cave art using pastels and charcoals, weaving, clay pottery, and creating a model of Stonehenge, linking our creativity to the Stone Age through the Iron Age.
PE	Yoga and gymnastics
French	Oracy and Vocabulary to build up French dialect.
Computing	This half term our computing unit is 'imodel'. We will explore the programme Tinkercad to learn to create 3D models.
PSHE/No outsiders RSE	PSHE– Yasmine and Tom (Health). In R.E we will be studying Islam and exploring the questions 'What does the Qur'an reveal to Muslims about Allah and his guidance?'
Music	This term, we will learn the parts of a ukulele and begin to play, while also appreciating and understanding a wide range of high-quality music from different traditions and famous composers.

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
- Book Fair– Week commencing 26th January
- Bikeability– 2nd-10th February
- Look and Share– Thursday 5th February (3.30-4pm) Friday 6th February (3.30-4pm)
- Friday 6th February– Interim Reports Home
- Thursday 12th February– Rule Break Day
- Friday 13th February– last day of half term

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