



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:

Maths	This half term in Maths, we will be learning to find fractions of amounts before moving on to decimals and percentages. Children will explore tenths, hundredths and thousandths, understanding how these link to place value and how to represent them as both fractions and decimals. They will learn to order, compare and round decimals up to three decimal places. We will also develop our understanding of percentages and how fractions, decimals and percentages are all connected.
English	This half term, our learning is centred around the novel <i>Wolf Brother</i> by Michelle Paver. All our writing will link to the story, we will be writing a persuasive brochure, a diary, a newspaper report/podcast and writing some poetry. 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. We will also be having a go at some stone age textiles and designing, creating and evaluating a stone age pouch. In Art, we will be creating our final piece inspired by the artist 'Jim Oskineegish'.
PE	
French	Oracy and Vocabulary to build up French dialect.
Computing	This half term our computing unit is 'icrypto'. We will explore different types of coding used historically and in modern times.
PSHE/No outsiders RSE	PSHE– Yasmine and Tom (Health). In R.E we will be studying Christianity and exploring the questions 'When Christians need real wisdom where do they look for it?'
Music	This term, we will looking at 'music through the decades'.

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
- Library day is a Wednesday
- Wednesday 4th March– 8.30am Breakfast and Read with parents
- Friday 6th March– Non-uniform in exchange for a donation to the chocolate tombola
- Week commencing 16/03 Parent Consultation Week
- Friday 20th March– Easter Fayre
- Monday 23rd (3.30-4pm) Tuesday 24th (8.30-9am) Look and Share

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