

Spring Newsletter

Kestrel Class – Miss Reece & Mrs Mallion

Welcome back to Kestrel Class! I hope you all had a lovely Christmas break. This term we will be blocking our learning so will be covering a range of topics including the artwork of David Hockney, the functions of the teeth and human digestion in Science and adapting recipes in Design and Technology. In Geography, we will be identifying continents, oceans and countries of the world as well as introducing the concepts of latitude and longitude.

PE Schedule & Equipment

This term, Year 4 will be attending swimming lessons on **Friday afternoons**. These sessions start on the **10th January** and run until the **27th March**. Please can each child bring a waterproof coat for the walk to the leisure centre and a bag containing their swimsuit, a towel and a swimming hat, making sure long hair is tied back.

Learning Together

Our Learning Together session is Thursday 26th March at 2-3pm.

Times Tables Rock Stars



Please can all children continue to practise their times tables using their TT Rock Stars log ins.

Multiplication Tables Check

There will be a statutory Multiplication Tables Check at the end of Year 4 where all pupils will be expected to complete an online assessment of their times tables knowledge up to 12x12.

Home/School communication/home learning

Year 4 children should read every day. Reading a range of genres with fluency and confidence is not only a National Curriculum Objective, but an essential life skill. Please **encourage** your children to read at least 3 x per week, ideally every day. **Ask** them questions about what they've read, **discuss** unfamiliar words and how the language impacts the reader.

Reap the rewards of Reading!

We have now got our Accelerated Reader programme up and running so each child will have a book from the library that is appropriate for their reading level. Reading logs will be checked each Friday morning. We will be keeping a record of the amount of reads each child achieves and rewards will be given to children who get to 50, 100 and 150 reads.

Kestrel Class Home learning – Due in Mondays – Returned home on Tuesdays

In addition to reading, all children will be given spellings and times tables to practise each week **and** should complete a piece of home learning from the takeaway menu in their home learning book. Spellings and times tables will be given out on a **Tuesday** with children being tested on the following **Tuesday**.

Planned Trips

After half term, to support our science learning about the teeth of animals, we are hoping to visit the Museum of Zoology in Cambridge. Date to be confirmed.

Helping your child at home

Please refer to the Year 4 Expectations guide which details the standards expected for children at the end of Year 4 in Reading, Writing and Maths. All the objectives will be worked on throughout the year and will be the focus of direct teaching. Any extra support you can provide in helping your children these is greatly valued.

Correct School Uniform

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform each day, including black shoes. As the weather is changeable this term, please ensure your child has a coat every day.

