

Inspiring Curriculum Newsletter

Kestrels

Autumn 2018



Our Theme : Chocolate

Our Christian Values:

Caring, Commitment to Achieve, Co-operation,
Fairness, Honesty, Respect



Welcome to the Kestrels! We are all looking forward to a brand new academic year working together on lots of exciting topics.

English

In English, we are learning how to develop creative writing skills in fictional stories set in imaginary worlds and poetry, studying plays and writing dialogue and exploring the features of newspapers, as well as promoting grammar, spelling and punctuation during every lesson.

Mathematics

In Mathematics, we are learning about place value and the size of numbers. We will then move onto calculation skills and fractions as well as combining these skills in real-life and word problems. Times tables will be learnt on a weekly basis. They are our targets.

Science

In Science, we are learning about states of matter, exploring the properties of solids, liquids and gases. We will then move onto studying animals including humans, learning about the functions of teeth.

R.E

In R.E, we are learning about 'People of God'. We will be looking at stories from the Bible about people who followed God, particularly Noah. Then we will move onto exploring the Christian Trinity in a little more depth.

Computing

In Computing, we are learning about how to stay safe when using the internet. Our main theme is 'We are reporters' and we will be recording a cookery video on the iPads.

PSHE

In PSHE, our themes within the Jigsaw scheme of work will be 'Being Me in my World' and 'Celebrating Difference'.

P.E

With Mr Toothill we will be completing activities in swimming and hockey.

International Primary Curriculum

We learn these subjects through our theme. For our themes we have an entry day to enthuse the children and an exit day to celebrate all that we have learned.

Our theme is Chocolate.

Our Entry day activities involve tasting different sorts of chocolate and hot chocolate, and designing a chocolate machine.

Our Exit day activity is a Chocolate Factory museum, packed full of all the fantastic facts we have discovered this term. Best of all, there will be a chocolate shop open inside the museum!

As Geographers we will be finding out

- where cacao trees are found and what factors affect their growth
- about other cash crops

As Historians we will be finding out

- who first discovered chocolate
- who took the first chocolate to Europe
- about the importance of cocoa beans for trade

As Scientists we will be finding out

- about the ingredients in chocolate
- if chocolate causes tooth decay
- why chocolate wrappers are made from special materials
- what the melting point of chocolate is

As Designers we will be finding out

- how to make own versions of chocolate
- how to design a wrapper for our new chocolate

Important Information

As per the school homework policy which is available at www.marketrasen.lincs.sch.uk homework will be set on Thursday and returned on Monday.

Our Swimming day is: Wednesday

Our P.E day is: Friday

Spelling rules will be learnt within your child's spelling group, and tables tests (Maths Challenge) will take place on a Friday. Any help you can give your child to prepare for these would be greatly appreciated.

Please continue to hear your child read every night, and complete their Reading Record book. Discussing and spelling words from the Y3/4 list within the Reading Record would also be a great help.

Thank you.

I hope that this newsletter has given you a good insight in to all of the exciting things that we will be doing throughout this term. I am very excited to be a Kestrel this year and I am looking forward to working with the children. If you feel that you could help us in any way, I would be delighted to hear from you. If you have any questions or queries about anything, please feel free to pop in and see me or drop me an email.

Thank you.

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