

Kestrel and Merlin Class Newsletter - Summer Term 2026

Welcome back to the final term of this academic year! This final term is shaping up to be a very busy time indeed with lots of exciting activities including sports week coming up.

English: This term in English, we are excited to follow the 'Essential Writing' programme, focusing on a variety of engaging topics and texts. We will start by exploring persuasive writing through Nathan Byron's inspiring books: *Speak Up!*, *Look Up!*, and *Clean Up*. These texts will help our young writers understand how to express their opinions effectively.

Next, we will dive into writing instructions inspired by the story *Wolf in the Snow* by Matthew Cordell. Following this, students will create a non-chronological report using *A Year Full of Celebrations and Festivals Around the World* by Christopher Corr and Claire Grace, allowing them to learn about diverse cultures.

To finish the term, we will delve into the world of poetry, encouraging creativity and self-expression.

As part of our routine, your child will continue to receive weekly spellings from various sources, including our 'Emile Spelling' scheme and the Year 3 and 4 statutory word list. Additionally, we will assign weekly SPaG homework via SPaG.com every Friday, due the following Friday.

Please continue to read daily with your child and ensure they have their reading book in school each day. We encourage you to record any other books your child reads at home in their Reading Passport.

Maths: In our daily maths lessons, we will continue to follow the 'White Rose' sequence of learning. We will adapt the sequence to meet the needs of the children. Each lesson will begin with a short mental arithmetic session. In school, we will continue to test the children on their timetables daily with a short 4 minute written down test on a mix of all tables. We strongly encourage the children to log onto TT Rockstars at home daily. It is the expectation that at the end of Year 3, the children know all their timetables up to 10 x. We will be setting challenges via TT Rockstars for the children to compete in over the weekends and we will announce the winning class on a Monday morning.

Other topics we will be studying this term are:

Science	Animals and plants
Computing	idata, iconnect, ipodcast
Art	Storying Telling Through Art
D&T	Mini Greenhouses
Geography	A local study of Cheshunt
Music	Bringing Us Together
RE	Hinduism and Christianity
PE	Striking & Fielding and Athletics
PSHE	Relationships and Changes & Changing Me

Miscellaneous

Please ensure that all your child's belongings are clearly marked with their name. All coats and jackets need to have strong hanging loops so that they stay on the cloakroom pegs and do not end up on the floor.

We will be using the school library on a regular basis (every other Tuesday afternoon is our year group slot) and we encourage you to share your child's library book at home to support their reading.

Thank you for your continued support,

Yours sincerely,

Mr W. Weatherhead, Miss Cooper and Mrs Cooper