



Kestrels Class



Autumn 2

We hope that you have had a happy, restful half term break, and the children are ready for their new half term.

As we previously informed you, we will be focused on a recovery curriculum this half term, and the children will be doing an extra short maths and English session in the afternoon where they will focus on the work from the previous year (March to July). Alongside Maths and English, the children will be taught Science, PSHE, RE and PE. The remaining foundation subjects will be used as a toolkit to support the core subject teaching rather than being the main focus.

The main areas of focus are as follows:

- **Maths:** Consolidation of addition and subtraction, statistics and number: multiplication and division.
- **English: VIPERS** – exploring the text *Treason* by Bertie Doherty and a non-fiction film unit. **Writing:** Riddles, biographies, newspaper articles, persuasive letters and character descriptions all linked to our topic of the Tudors.
- **Science:** Changing materials and their states. We will be focusing on mixing materials, separating materials and irreversible changes to solutions.
- **PSHE:** Celebrating Difference. We will be discussing different cultures, how others live around the world, celebrating differences and discussing the effects of bullying.
- **RE:** Our topic will be to understand how and why believers show their commitments through the journey of life and relating this to our own unique journeys.
- **PE:** We will be developing our OAA skills on a Wednesday and Kwik Cricket skills on a Friday. Kestrels PE days are Wednesday and Friday. ***PE kits will go home on Friday to be washed and returned on Monday.***

Homework

Homework will be given on a Monday and needs to be returned by a Friday. Children's diaries must be signed by a parent each week to show children have done both Maths and English homework.

Snacks

In KS2 the children are encouraged to bring a healthy snack of fruit or vegetables for break time.

Christmas



Although we will not be able to do our normal Christmas performances this year, the children will enjoy a range of Christmas activities during the final week of term, including Christmas dinner, Christmas film and a class party.

If you have any concerns, we are always happy to discuss matters that are important to you and your child. Please contact the school office via admin@gbpa.org.uk and we will get back to you as soon as we are able.

Thank you,
Mrs E Humphrey