

Kestrel's Newsletter Summer Term 2018

I hope you all had a lovely break over the Easter holiday. The children have come back full of enthusiasm and are already working very hard.

<p>English</p> 	<p>This term we will base our English lessons around two key texts: The Lost Words by Robert MacFarlane and The Land of Neverbelieve by Norman Messenger. These will inspire the children to write imaginatively to create poems and stories. As well as factually to compose a range of non-fiction texts including; reports which will be compiled to make an encyclopaedia of the natural world.</p>
<p>Maths</p> 	<p>Each day the children will take part in a daily Mathematics session. Maths will be an important part of our science work this term. As part of our topic work we will be measuring plants and collecting and analysing data. For our work on the, Land of Neverbelieve the children will create their own maps applying their mathematical knowledge of position, direction and area.</p> <p>During the first half of the term we will be focusing on understanding decimals; reading, ordering, comparing, multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100. The children will apply the skills they learn through measures and money work in maths and topic. During the second half term our focus will be shape, space and measures.</p>
<p>Science</p> 	<p>This term science lessons will focus on living things and how they grow. We will be exploring, using and making classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things in their local and wider environment. We will also be learning the names and functions of key parts of a flowering plant and their specialized role within the lifecycle of that plant. As well as how plants have adapted to grow in different environments. We will be visiting the Botanical Gardens in Cambridge to see their amazing collection of plants.</p>
<p>Computing</p> 	<p>This term's lessons will be using Purple mash we will focus on using logo. In the second half term we will be focusing on spreadsheets. As well as using the writing templates to publish our written work.</p>
<p>Geography</p> 	<p>As part of our work on plants we will be mapping out areas of interest on a village map, identifying different habitats within the local environment. We will also be designing our own maps as part of our work on The Land of Neverbelieve, identifying the human and physical geographical features of the island.</p>
<p>Art & Design Technology</p> 	<p>This term the children will be looking in detail at trees, plants and flowers and using them as a stimulus for improving their sketching and painting skills. In DT the children will be designing and constructing their own land of Neverbelieve which will involve using 3D nets to construct their homes.</p>
<p>Music</p> 	<p>This term the children will focusing on one of the BBC Ten Pieces, a collection of classical music specially chosen for primary school children. It is called and The children will use it as a stimulus for composing their own music. The children will also be performing in our annual singing concert as part of the village Feast Week celebrations.</p>
<p>PSHE</p> 	<p>PSHE this term will involve the children working on a 'Grow Your Money' challenge as part of the PSHE unit on economic well being. The children will work in small teams to develop a business idea centred around growing plants for sale, their aim will be to make a profit from selling the plants.</p>

Physical Education	This term's lessons will focus on athletics, cricket, tennis and dance. A visiting cricket coach will be working with the class for 6 weeks starting on the 17 th April. Please make sure your child has an indoor and outdoor PE kit in school each day.
Religious Education	This term we will look at our local church. We will be comparing our church with churches around the world, identifying key similarities in building structure and use.
MFL 	This term we will continue learning German. Lessons will focus on the weather and the seasons. We will be speaking, reading, writing and singing in German!
Other Information	Home learning will follow the same format as last term. We will continue to set a fortnightly task where the children will have the opportunity to extend their learning at home in a creative manner. Spellings and times tables will continue as usual.

And finally...

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs MacLennan