

PE PE for Kestrels is on Monday and Tuesday. Please make sure you have the following for each lesson:

- Withington PE shirt
- Withington PE shorts/skort.
- Red socks and
- Appropriate footwear (pumps for inside and trainers for outside.

Children may wear their school jumper or the Withington PE jumper if it is cold. Pure black bottoms are also acceptable in the colder months.

Spellings

Spellings are available on Spelling Shed with new ones going live 12pm on Fridays. The highest scoring child in KS2 will receive a bee teddy to sit on their desk for the week. They will also receive prizes to keep as well as a certificate. Spelling tests across the school are on Fridays.

Communication

If you wish to speak to me, please come to the school office and make an appointment. I will also be in the school playground if you wish to speak more informally.

Drinks

Children have brand new named water bottles that they may use throughout the school day. Fruit squashes are permitted but during lunchtimes only.



Kestrels

Homework

Homework for Kestrels is for both literacy and numeracy. Children will be given a sheet for each of the above subjects on a Friday with the expectation that both will be returned by the following Thursday.

Homework will be marked and given back to the children so they can see what they have achieved. Rewards points will be given for each homework completed and handed in on time. There will be bonus points if all homework is completed in half term.

Snacks

Children may bring a healthy snack to have during break time. Healthy choices include: fruit, yogurt, string cheese/cheese biscuits and health bars (no nuts please due to allergies).

Snacks that are not permissible include: any items containing chocolate, crisps, peperamis and fruit winders.

Times Tables

These are now available through the same company who provide Spelling Shed. All times tables are available throughout this half term as children in Years 5 and 6 are expected to know them all up to 12 x 12. Children may choose which ones they practice but is recommended that they try to practice them all rather than the ones that they are secure with.

Literacy - This half term we will be looking at the book Street Child which is set in Victorian Britain. We will investigate what life was like for children during this time and writing our own versions of classic stories like The Little Match Girl

Science - We will be looking at the Biology topic of classification of animals and plants.

We will see how we can organise living things according to the system developed by Carl Linnaeus as well as identifying similarities and differences.

We will be studying our local environment and look at the benefits and hazards associated with micro-organisms such as bacteria.

RE - In this subject we will be looking at what life is like for Muslims in Britain today. In particular, the role of the Qur'an and the 5 Pillars of Islam.

We will be also be looking at the life of the prophet Muhammad (pbuh) and our own beliefs.

Numeracy - This half term we will be completing our learning on fractions, decimals and percentages before moving onto all things shape. We will be looking at names and properties of 2D and 3D shapes before classifying them. We will also be looking at circles and specialised vocabulary.



PE - Basketball and Lacrosse will be the focus for this half term.

Design Technology -

We will be focusing on the famous building The Parthenon

Using card and art straws we will be constructing pillars and seeing how much weight they can hold.

Topic - The Ancient Greeks

Art and Design - We will be creating marble style Greek sculptures using bars of soap (this is much easier to carve!)

History - To start we will be hosting our own Ancient Greek style Olympics. We will be splitting up into the 5 major city states before competing in a specially adapted games.

We will also be looking at Athenian Democracy and how it provided the bases for the way we govern in the UK today.

This extend this topic, we will finish with a presentation and debate about who we think the Greatest Greek was and how they contributed to our modern society.

French and Music -

These subjects are being provided by staff from Aylestone High School and will take place on Monday and Friday afternoons respectively.