

PE – This will take place on **Friday** afternoons this term. Please send your child dressed in a blue t-shirt, navy shorts or leggings/tracksuit trousers, trainers and a Thrupp sports hoodie (optional) on these days. We will also be carrying out a 'Thrupp 10' daily physical activity, which will involve a range of different exercises, including yoga, dance and jogging. **Please make sure any hoodies and jumpers are named so it is easy for us to return them to you.**

Morning Routine

When your child comes into school in the morning, they will continue with the same morning routine – hang their bag on their peg, bring in their water bottle and extra snack (if they've brought one) and then order their dinner choice. Their pegs are now in the middle area of our building.

Snacks/Drinks - The children will continue to be provided with one piece of fresh fruit or vegetable to eat. If they would like more than this, please send them in with an extra snack to put in their tray each morning. Please remember we are a **nut-free school**. Please also provide a **named** water bottle for each day.

Bags and Reading - Bags need to be in school **every day** along with their reading book (once we have sent them home). Reading groups will commence from Monday 8th September. Reading records will be sent home with a list of the books the children will be reading this term complete with their Collins hub login where these books will be assigned for them to read online. **Remember Mon-Wed each week we will read with your child in school.** Their reading book will come home with them on a Wednesday and needs to be returned the following Monday for them to get a new book.

Please continue to support us by listening to your child read at home – it honestly makes such a difference. If your child reads at home, they receive a sticker on their reading bookmark. Each 10 stickers earn them a prize. When their bookmark is full up, they receive a certificate in assembly. Please remember to write in their reading records; it is helpful for us to know how they're getting on at home with their reading.

We want to make sure your children are happy, so if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to one of us at any time. We are around in the mornings at drop off (before 9am) or after school. You can also contact us via email (kestrels@thrupp.gloucs.sch.uk), however, if it is urgent please ring or email admin as we will only read emails outside of the school day.

Kestrels Class Team

Thrupp Primary School



**Information for Year 1 Parents
Autumn 2025**

Kestrels

Mrs Lewis

**Support Staff: Miss Chandler and Mrs Schmidt
PPA Cover: Mrs Giles**

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope you have had a wonderful summer holiday and are looking forward to starting the new school year! We have an exciting term planned and cannot wait to get fully back into learning with all your wonderful children. Our year ones have impressed me so much with helping our new Reception children feel settled and showing them where things are – I am so proud of them.

Celebrations - We will continue to use the brilliant book, star of the day, tree points and stickers to celebrate the children's achievements. We will also use our WOW vouchers to celebrate out of school achievements with Hawks on a Thursday.

English – Kestrels will be taught this subject together as a class, continuing to follow our 'Drawing Club' approach to writing. We have a book, traditional tale or animation as the focus of our writing for 2 weeks and then move onto a new focus. We will start the term reading *Elmer* by David McKee. Then we will look at the book *Tiddler* by Julia Donaldson, before moving onto the animation Snoopy and the traditional tale *The Magic Porridge Pot*. We will continue to use our drawings to inspire our writing. We will be focussing on writing sentences with more independence and using capital letters and full stops. We will also learn to use 'and' to extend our sentences.

Year 1 Phonics – The Year 1 children will all be taught phonics together with Miss Hodson and Miss Payne (Hawks Class teachers). We will begin by recapping their learning from Reception of phase 3 and 4 sounds, before moving onto phase 5. Phase 5 involves lots of alternative pronunciations for graphemes, for example 'ou' making the /ow/ sound in *cloud* and the /oo/ sound in *soup*.

Maths - This will continue to be taught in single year groups. **Year 1** will be taught by Miss Hodson and Mrs Giles this term. They will begin learning about place value before moving onto addition and subtraction. They will focus on numbers up to 20 initially then to 100; counting forwards and back, comparing numbers and reading and writing numbers. They will then learn addition and subtraction facts for numbers up to 10.

Science – **Year 1** will be taught by Mrs Giles and will be answering the question 'Which parts of my body help me explore the world around me?' We will learn to label the different parts of our bodies and learn about the five senses and their uses. We will also be making comparisons and learning to record measurements in different ways. After half term Year 1 will ask 'How are animals similar and different to each other?' and learning the differences between carnivores, omnivores and herbivores.

Topic - Our topic this term is '**We are magic!**' and we will be learning lots about the local area and what makes Gloucestershire special. In geography we will explore maps, keys and draw maps of the school and grounds. In history we will begin learning about what 'history' is; we will begin with our own lives and will be naming key events that have happened and will happen in the future. We will also be considering how we have changed since we were born. In addition to thinking about our own lives, we will begin looking at some magical people from the past and considering how they have helped us have better lives.

Art, DT and Music - The children have lots of free access to creative materials in our classroom and we will be learning how to get out the resources we would like to independently paint, draw, cut, stick and build models. We also have a stage outside, with access to different musical instruments which the children use regularly to create their own shows.

In art, we will have a focus on drawing, with a topic focus of 'spirals'. We will investigate how to make different marks with different drawing tools, create drawings using a continuous line and draw from observation.

In DT, we will be learning about how to keep our magical bodies healthy! We will be looking at what a healthy diet means and tasting different fruits and vegetables. We will then design and make our own fruit kebabs.

In music, we will be learning simple welcome songs and having fun working as a class to create actions to accompany songs and nursery rhymes. We will then learn to follow musical instructions and explore creating simple sound sequences.

RE - We will be answering the question 'Being Special: where do we belong?'. We will learn about what is special in our families and that some things are the same and some are different in other households. Later this term, we will learn about Harvest & Christmas.

PSHE - Our PSHE unit is entitled 'Me and my relationships' and we will be doing lots of learning about our feelings as well as creating our own class charter and considering what will make a happy Kestrels classroom.

PE - To begin with we will enjoy playing parachute games and going on the bikes and scooters. Next, we will develop our ability to climb, balance and travel along the gymnastic equipment. The children will also begin to develop their ball skills when throwing and catching. We will continue to develop their fine motor skills in our continuous provision as well as through specific adult led activities.