

PE will be on a **Monday**. Please send your child dressed in blue t-shirt, navy shorts or leggings/tracksuit trousers, trainers and a Thrupp sports hoodie (optional) on Mondays. We will also do our 'Thrupp 10' daily, which will involve a range of different exercises, including yoga and dance.

Morning Routine

When your child comes into school in the morning, they need to put their bookbag on their peg and bring in their water bottle and snack (if they've brought one). There is a tray for their water bottles and their snack goes in their tray. They then need to move their name to the dinner choice they would like before they can go and play. If you can remind them of this at the beginning of the year, then this will really help us get back into a routine. Thank you.

Book Bags and Reading

Book bags need to be in school **every day** along with their reading book (once we have sent them home). Reading groups will commence Monday 9th September. Reading records will be sent home with a list of the books the children will be reading this term and their E-collins log in where these books will be assigned for them to read online. This log in is likely to be different to last year as the website has been updated. **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 need to be returned on a Monday for them to get a new book.

Please continue to support us by listening to your child read at home. If your child reads at home, they receive a sticker on their reading bookmark. Each 10 stickers earn them a prize. When it 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.

Snacks/Drinks

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

We want to make sure your children are happy and continuing to love school, so if you have any questions or concerns, please speak to us at drop off or after school. Please also feel you can email us to ask anything (kestrels@thrupp.gloucs.sch.uk). However, if it is urgent please ring or email admin/the office.

Kind regards,
Kestrels Team

Thrupp Primary School



Information for Year 1 Parents Kestrels - Autumn 2024

Mrs Lewis

Mrs Southgate Thurs pm

Support Staff:

Mrs Hepper, Mrs Schmidt, Mrs Abel and Miss Morgan

Dear parents,

Welcome back! We hope you have had a lovely summer break with your children. We have had a fantastic start to the Autumn term in Kestrels and I have really loved seeing your wonderful children's faces again. They have been excellent role models for our reception children and I know it's going to be a wonderful year.

Celebrations - We will continue to use 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 on a Friday.

Your child's learning will now be planned around the National Curriculum, as opposed to the EYFS Framework. They will still have the opportunity to learn and embed previous knowledge through play. Below is a summary of what the children will be learning this term. Our topic is 'Houses and Homes'.

Phonics - The year 1 children will all be taught phonics together with Mrs Southgate and Mrs Payne. We will begin by recapping phase 3 and 4 before moving onto phase 5. Phase 5 involves lots of alternative pronunciations for graphemes e.g. ou making the /ow/ sound in *cloud* and the short /oo/ sound in *soup*.

English - In English we will begin by looking at the book *We're all Wonders* by R.J. Palacio. We will be learning about our new class mates through discussion and writing about ourselves. We will also consider what makes a happy classroom and what should go in our 'kindness potion'. We will be continuing to learn to leave spaces between words, form our letters correctly, punctuate using a capital letter and full stop and using 'and' to extend our sentences.

Maths - This will continue to be taught in single year groups. Year 1s will have Mrs Bovington 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 - This year we will be teaching science in year groups. The year 1 children will be taught on a Friday by Mrs Lewis altogether and will be learning about their 5 senses and which parts of the body are associated with each sense. They will then learn about different animals; noticing similarities and differences and starting to think about the different groups of animals.

Topic - Our topic this term is '**Houses and Homes**' and we will be learning lots about the local area and how things have changed over time. In geography our key question is 'what are the features of my local area?'; this will involve us exploring maps, identifying human and physical features and making comparisons between our homes and homes in another country. In history we will begin learning about what 'history' is; we will begin thinking about our own homes, before going back in time to consider how houses and homes have changed over time.

Art and DT - The children will continue to have free access to creative materials in our classroom and will use a range of artistic media and techniques to explore our topic. In DT, we will be considering how to improve our junk modelling skills, such as using different joins. In Art, we will be focusing on how to express our imagination through art.

Music - Our music unit for the first half of this term is called 'Me!'. This will involve listening and responding to different styles of music, improvising with classroom instruments and learning to sing along to nursery rhymes and action songs. After October half term, we will be beginning to think about our Nativity and learning the songs for this exciting production.

RE - We will be answering the questions 'What times/stories are special and why?' and 'What does it mean to belong to a faith community?'. 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 units are entitled 'Me and my relationships' and 'Valuing Difference'. We will be having lots of discussions around our emotions, creating class rules and considering what will make a happy Kestrels classroom. We will also be thinking about what makes a good friend and what being 'fair' means.

PE - To begin with we will continue to develop our gross motor skills when using the bikes and we will then focus on developing the social and physical skills needed to participate in group games. After this, we will develop our ability to climb, balance and travel using the gymnastic equipment. Children will continue to develop their gross and fine motor skills in our continuous provision, as well as through specific adult led activities.