

PE will be on a **Tuesday and a Friday** so please send them dressed in blue/white t-shirt, navy shorts or leggings/tracksuit trousers, trainers and a Thrupp sports hoodie (optional) on these days. Make sure everything is labelled so it can be returned to its owner please!

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 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 11th 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. Remember Mon-Wed each week we will read with your child in school and they can read this book online at home. 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 are provided with one piece of fresh fruit to eat. Lots of children need more than this or they may not like what is on offer so if your child would prefer to eat their own fruit, or would like more to eat, then they may bring it and pop it in their tray each morning. Please can you provide a **named** water bottle.

We want to make sure your children are happy and smiling 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 or after school. Please also feel you can email us to ask anything (kestrels@thrupp.gloucs.sch.uk). However, if it is urgent ring or email admin as we will only read emails outside of the school day.

Thrupp Primary School



Information for Year 1 Parents Autumn 2023

Kestrels

Miss Mills

Support Staff:

Mrs McCombie (Mon-Thurs)

Mrs Southgate (Weds-Fri and teaching Thursday afternoons)

Working 1:1:

Mrs Spring, Miss Jenkins (Mon-Weds), Mrs Young (Thurs & Fri) & Mrs Abel

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 have loved starting to get to know you and your children. The children are having lots of fun exploring the new room and meeting friends!

Celebrations

Each day we will have a star of the day, which will be someone who has impressed us the day before, and they will have special jobs for the day like taking the register and being at the front of the line. We also have our WOW vouchers, which we will share on a Friday if your child has done something at home/outside clubs that week to really impress you.

Continuous Provision

As you will have read in the letter that went out earlier this week, we have done lots of work over the summer on our learning environment and are continuing our journey to implement continuous provision. A date for you to visit and ask questions will be arranged soon, once the children are settled into the new routines. Below is a summary of what the children will be learning this term. The main topic this term is 'We are magic!'.

Phonics - We will begin by recapping phase 3 and 4 before moving onto phase 5. The children will learn different ways of spelling each sound and alternative pronunciations.

English - In English we will begin by looking at the book Elmer by David McKee. We will be writing about ourselves to fit with our topic 'We are magic!' and we will write some fact files about different animals. We will then move onto retelling stories and look at the 3 Little Pigs. We will do lots of oral storytelling focusing on the story language we want them to be using in their writing. We will be continuing to learn to leave spaces between words, punctuate using a capital letter and full stop, using the present and past tense accurately and using 'and' to join words.

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.

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 who have had an impact on our lives today.

Science - This year we will be teaching science in year groups. The year 1 children will be taught by Mrs Clarke altogether and will be learning about their 5 senses and which parts of the body they 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.

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 and stick. We will use a range of artistic media and techniques to explore our 'We are magic!' theme. They will have opportunities to learn songs and will be encouraged to listen, play along, move and respond to music linked to our topic. The children will use a range of instruments to create a composition. The Year 1 children will also have Mrs Clarke for our **Be The Best Friday** this term and will be learning to play a variety of instruments and sing songs.

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 the bikes and parachute games and then 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. Children will develop their fine motor skills in our continuous provision as well as through specific adult led activities.