

PE will be on a **Tuesday** and **Wednesday** and they will have outdoor learning on a **Friday** so please send them dressed (weather appropriately) in their PE kit on these days. Make sure everything is labelled so it can be returned to its owner please. This is particularly important for hoodies/jumpers/coats and water bottles.

Morning Routine

Please continue to remind your child when you bring them in to put their bookbag on their peg and their water bottle in the water bottle tray. They need to remember to order their dinner too. We are now in the full swing of reading books and we change phonics books (Little Wandle orange logo) on a Monday so please get your child to get their book out ready to give to a member of staff and their sharing book on a Friday. Thank you for your support in not bringing home toys to school; the children overall seem to be settled into Kestrels class now and we appreciate your support with this.

Book Bags and Reading

Reading records will have a list of the books the children will be reading this term and their e-collins log in is at the front. This is the website 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 new 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 and remember we are a **nut free** school. We encourage healthy eating at snack time.

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 Spring 2024

Kestrels

Miss Mills

Support Staff:

Mrs McCombie (Mon-Thurs)

Mrs Southgate (Weds-Fri and teaching Thursday afternoons)

Working 1:1:

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

Dear parents,

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely Christmas and new year and you and your children are refreshed and ready for a new (much shorter) term!

Celebrations - Each day we will continue to 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, Please remember to fill these out when your child has done something to impress you.

Below is a summary of what the children will be learning this term. The main topic this term is 'Moon Zoom!'. We will be exploring the questions 'What do we know about space travel?' and 'Why are some places hot and other places cold?'.

Year 1s will continue to be taught in single year groups in the mornings. They will be taught by Miss Bidmead and Mrs Clarke this term.

Phonics - We will continue to learn phase 5 alternative pronunciations, including end sounds like le, se, ce etc. Some of your children will also be recapping the phase 3 sounds in order to ensure they are secure. We are all working on remembering our tricky words from phase 3 to phase 5.

English - This half-term we will be reading an adventure story called 'Claude in the City' by Alex T. Smith. This is a delightful book that I am hoping the children will enjoy as much as I do! We will be writing a character description, a postcard, a recount and an adventure story opening. The focus will be on securing sentence punctuation - capital letters and full stops as well as how to write in the past and present tenses. The children will learn about question marks and exclamation marks and begin to try out using these in their writing.

Maths - They will be continuing to learn their addition and subtraction facts up to 11; partitioning numbers in different ways and finding and representing addition and subtraction number facts. They will then move onto number and place value. This will involve counting to 100, exploring the structure of two-digit numbers, comparing/ordering numbers and saying 1 more and 1 less than a number.

Topic - Our topic this term is 'Moon Zoom!' and we will be historians to start with; learning all about the moon landing. We will be exploring when it happened and who the first person was to walk on the moon. We will also learn about some of the key events in Neil Armstrong's life and learn who Katherine Johnson was. The second half of the term, we will be becoming geographers by describing the appropriate clothing to wear in different environments and looking at where the Equator, North Pole and South Pole are on a globe.

Science - We will continue to teach science in year groups. The year 1 children will be taught by Mrs Clarke altogether and will be learning about materials; the names of different materials, sorting and grouping materials; testing properties of materials and working out which materials are suited to different purposes.

Art, DT and Music - The children always have access to creative materials in our classroom and can use these in their own learning time to create musical numbers, models and paintings. In Music, we will be listening and responding to a different style of music each week, using instruments, singing nursery rhymes and action songs and sharing/performing these to each other. For Art we will be focusing on printing and painting when creating our own space images and for DT next term we will be exploring using wheels and axels to make our own moon buggies!

RE - Now we have spoke about our own views and learnt about some of the Christian beliefs, our focus this term is going to be on Islam. Our focus question is 'Who is Muslim and how do they live?'. We will be exploring some of the ways a Muslim may describe God and looking at some stories about the Prophet that guide their beliefs and actions.

PSHE - Our PSHE units this term are Keeping Myself Safe and Rights and Responsibilities. We will begin thinking about how to keep ourselves safe indoors and outdoors and listening to our feelings. We will then move onto how we look after others and our world.

PE - We will be continuing to 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 and learn the key principles of how to play games. Children will develop their gross and fine motor skills in our continuous provision as well as through specific adult led activities.