

# Kestrels and Falcons News

Summer Term 5 2019

**Etwall Primary School**

Welcome back! We hope you have had a fantastic break and are rested and ready for the new term in school.

## Maths and English

### Remember:

- \* PE kits need to be in school every day.
- \* Reading journals will be checked every Wednesday.
- \* Swimming is on Tuesday.
- \* Spelling test is every Friday. Please support your child in learning their spellings. Children will often be asked to learn a rule to apply to their spellings.
- \* Children will have mental maths and writing targets glued into their reading journals. Times table are also expected to be practiced every week.
- \* Please can you ensure that your child always has an old shirt/apron in their PE bag for art and design lessons, as they can get quite messy!



### English

In English this term we will be using Charlie and the Chocolate factory as our inspiration. In our guided reading lessons, we will be working on our inference and deduction skills. Through our English work we will further develop

our knowledge of spellings, punctuation and grammar (SPAG).

### Maths

In maths this term we will be solving a range of number and practical problems involving money. Our other math's topic is statistics. Although we will be practicing our multiplication facts in school, the quicker the children can recall

these facts, the easier they will find the whole maths curriculum. Please encourage your child to practice these at home. Thank you.



## Other subjects

Our topic work and science work this term will be largely based around water. We will be looking at the water cycle and comparing different states of matter. This involves studying the movement of the sun and how this affects

us, and also how this affects night and day. Our RE will consider the life of Buddha. In PSHCE our theme is expressing faith through art. In PE we will be developing our cardio-agility, reaction and response. In German we will learn about the local area.

Computing will explore data handling. In Art we will be making a toy. In music our topic is reflect, rewind and replay.

## Rapid Number Recall

Rapid number recall is based on the belief that if children have rapid recall of key facts in maths, they will find all other areas of the maths curriculum much easier. For example, when being asked to find out the fraction of an amount, if they have good understanding of their multiplication facts, they will find this much easier.

The program is based on a series of steps, and within each step there are several objectives. Your child's teacher will initially tell your child where they will start and then they will work through the steps in order.

You will find the step that your child is working on, and the target within that step, in their reading journal, along with ideas about how you can help them to achieve this target. Children will also have time to practice these in school, but obviously the more help they get the quicker they will achieve!

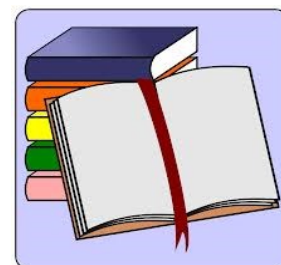
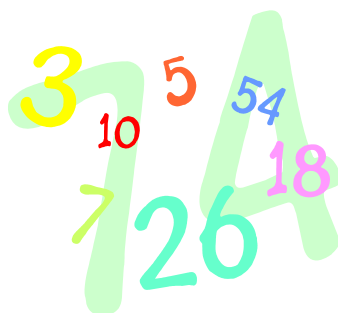
Each target has a 24 question quiz that children will be asked to complete daily. When they can get 100% three times, children will move on to the next target. The progress your child is making will be recorded in their reading diaries so that you can share their successes with them.

## Cadbury World

We are very excited about our school trip tomorrow to Cadbury world.

Please remember to send your child with lunch in bag that they are able to carry all day. Lunch will be outside so please provide them with a coat that will be suitable for the weather! (There is a covered area in case of wet/very windy weather!)

Children will be leaving at 9am, so please ensure they are in school on time, and will be returning before the end of the school day.



## Parent helpers

If any parents/grandparents etc could spare half a day a week (or more!) to listen to children read, they would be made very welcome, and it would be very much appreciated. The more children read the better, and the more confident they become. Please could you let your child's teacher know if you are able to help. There is a short induction now in place if you would like to be a volunteer. Please ask us about this easy process! Thank you.

## Swimming

This term Kestrels and Falcons will continue to swim on a Tuesday. Please ensure kits are in school every week at the start of the school day.

## Useful Websites

We often get asked if we can recommend any websites that your child could go on to help them with their school work. Here are a couple that you might find useful:

[www.interactive-resources.co.uk](http://www.interactive-resources.co.uk)

The pupil log in and password are the same and are 'epsupil'. There is a folder for each class and when this is clicked on the games are regularly updated.

[www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/spelling\\_grammar](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/spelling_grammar)

This website has on it some spelling and grammar games to help your child with the grammar and spelling objectives that we will be covering in class. There are notes to read, games to play and quizzes to do.



## PG films

Throughout the year the children may be watching clips from PG films to support their learning. If you have any questions about this, please come and see your child's class teacher.



## Online Safety—Games

Are you aware of the games your children are playing? Are they age appropriate? If they're playing online, is there a chat/private chat function? Are you happy with this? Go through their devices with them and check those games on the Common Sense Media website

(<https://www.commonsensemedia.org>) to satisfy yourself that you are happy with them (<http://www.esafety-adviser.com>).



## Parent Learning Together sessions and showcases

Over the next few terms, we will continue to hold Learning Together sessions for parents/carers and showcases as follows, and we would like to warmly invite you to join us for them, so that you can find our ways of supporting your child's learning at home.

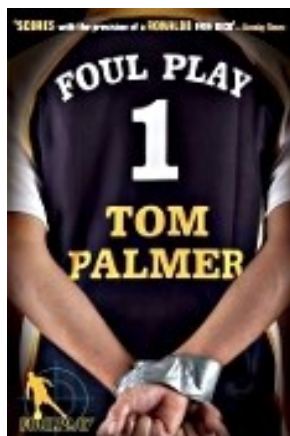
Workshops are held in classrooms and showcases may be in classrooms or in the hall/outside, depending on the theme of the showcase. Times will be confirmed nearer the time.

Thank you for your continued support.

**Thursday 30th April 9:00-9:30—  
KS2 Learning Together: spelling/  
handwriting**

**Tuesday 25th June —KS2 out-  
door learning showcase**

## Recommended Reads



### **Foul Play**

Palmer, T

A gripping, football-themed page-turner of a detective story featuring crime-fighting fan Danny Harte in his first case on the trail of a top player's kidnapper

## Recommended Reads



Everyone is good at something.

But at Lizzie's school this has been taken to extremes. Her classmate Ethan, who previously had no interest in sport, is now incredible at football; her brother's suddenly an expert in robotics; and Lizzie has become really good at being bad. ...

## Key dates for your diary

**Monday 29th April—Back to School**

**Tuesday 30th April—Cadbury World Trip**

**Thursday 2nd May— 9-9.30 Spelling Workshop**

**Thursday 9th May— 9-9.30—Kestrels assembly**

**Friday 24th May—Last day of term.**

