

# Kestrels and Falcons News

Spring Term 3 2019

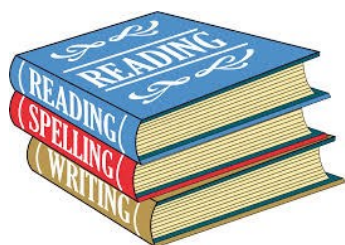
**Etwall Primary School**

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 learning to write information texts and reports. 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 multiplication and division as well as different methods of measuring. 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 this term will look closely at what we would have done with our leisure time 100 years ago. Science is 'What is above us in the sky?'. 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 'Exploring Emotions'. In PE we will be developing our Balance and coordination skills. In German we will learn the names of family members, while

talking about our homes. Computing will explore internet safety and how we communicate online and in Art we will be making a toy. In music we will continue to develop rhythm and musical notation skills through voice and instrumental work.

## 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.



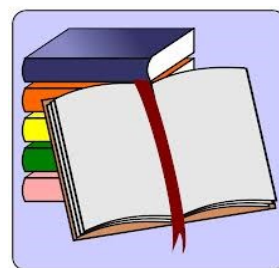
## Year 3/4 staff

The teachers in Kestrels and Falcons will continue to be Mrs Blake and Mrs Dawson (Kestrels) until Mrs Bradley (Miss Gale) returns on February 15th and Mr Jowett (Falcons). Our teaching assistants, Mrs Dorrington (Falcons) and Mrs Dickinson (Kestrels), are available each morning to support the children with their individual needs.



## 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 year Kestrels and Falcons will be swimming on Tuesdays. 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 workshops and showcases

Over the next few terms, we will continue to hold parent workshops 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.

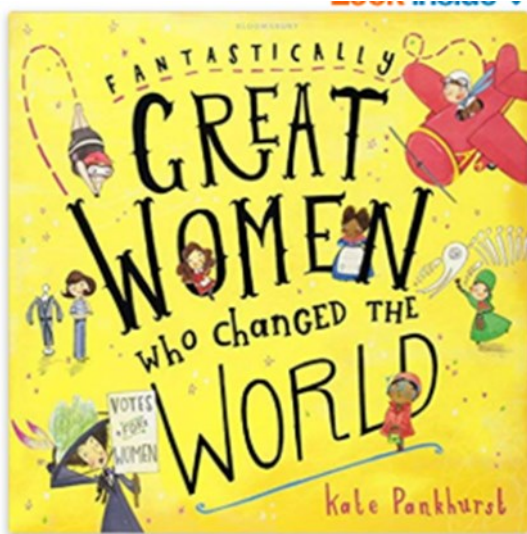
Wednesday 16th January 9:00-9:30 — KS2 reading workshop

Thursday 4th April pm—KS2 D&T showcase

Tuesday 30th April 9:00-9:30—KS2 spelling/handwriting workshop

Tuesday 25th June —KS2 outdoor learning showcase

## Recommended Reads



Nominated for the CILIP Carnegie & Kate Greenaway Children's Book Awards 2018.

Kate Pankhurst, descendent of Emmeline Pankhurst, has created this wildly wonderful and accessible book about women who really changed the world.

Discover fascinating facts about some of the most amazing women who changed the world we live in. Fly through the sky with the incredible explorer Amelia Earhart, and more

## 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 7th January—Back to school!

Friday 11th January—Book Swap Friday

Wednesday 16th January—KS2 reading workshop in classrooms, 9:00-9:30

Friday 1st February—Book Swap Friday

W.B. 4th February—Safer Internet Week

Monday 4th February—PTFA film night

Tuesday 5th February—Safer Internet Day

Friday 15th February—PTFA recycling dress down day and End of term

