

Kestrel and Falcon Class News

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**Etwall Primary
School**

Welcome back! We hope you have had a lovely break and are rested and ready for the busy term ahead.

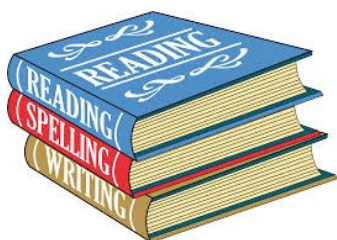
Maths and English

Remember:

- * PE kits need to be in school every day.
- * Reading diaries will be checked every Wednesday.
- * 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 learning diaries. 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 doing lots of grammar and spelling lessons and we will also be developing our recount writing skills, using Talk for Writing to help us. We will be looking at the book, 'The Promise', which will help us debate issues and di-



lemmas. In our guided reading lessons, we will be working on our inference and deduction skills, and will begin to generate our own questions, to check our understanding. We will work on our use of a cursive script in handwriting practice.

Maths

In maths, we will be learning about place value as well as addition and subtraction.

Although we will be practising 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 practise these at home so they can enjoy our weekly times table tester on a Monday, too. Thank you.



Other subjects

Our topic work this term is the First World War. Our science topic is 'How does Jessica Ennis-Hill run so fast?'. For this topic, we will be looking at nutrition and the Musculoskeletal system. In RE, our topic is 'Can religions build a fair world?' In Citizenship, our

theme is 'Being healthy', in which we will look at all aspects of our health, not just our physical well being.

In PE we will be doing Cardio –coordination and learning how to cool – down after an activity.

In German we will learn greetings, classroom vocabulary and commands, and our computing topic will be refreshing basic skills.

Our Art topic will be Art from Nature and in music, we will be looking at singing in rounds., as well as listening to World War I music in topic lessons.



Congratulations Mrs Bradley!

Congratulations to Mrs Bradley (Miss Gale) who got married over the summer holidays. On her return to Kestrels class after maternity leave, we will all have to remember to call her Mrs Bradley!

Parent information

In Key Stage 2, children must really try hard to learn their times tables, as this will help in their everyday maths lessons. We do a times tables tester on a Monday morning, which is a fun way to check our progress and encourages children to be quick with their recall.

Rapid number recall is another way we keep children fluent with number facts, and they should be practicing maths which relates to their particular step at home. This information will be relayed to you through your child's learning diary.

For times table practice, there are many apps and websites. Here are some we recommend::

www.timestables.co.uk/

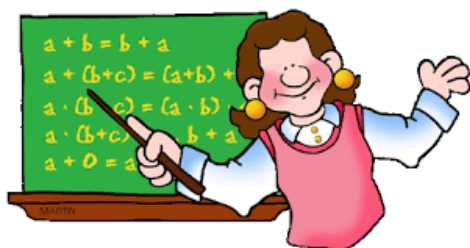
www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/times-tables

We expect children to read at least 5 times a week. Please record this in your child's journal so that we are able to see the extent to which they are engaging with reading. Reading has a huge bearing on a child's grasp of grammar and improves their vocabulary infinitely.

A website worth visiting is:

www.oxfordowl.co.uk

When reading together, talk to your child about what they have read. Ask them to make a prediction. Ask them to show you how they know, by pointing out where in the text they found the information.



CRY—Cardiac Risk in the Young

Well done to the children of Etwall school, for raising nearly £1000 for the charity CRY, last academic year! What a brilliant amount, which will certainly help the cause.

We will let you know who the new beneficiaries of our charity work in 2018-2019 will be in the near future. In the meantime, can you think of any exciting charity events we could organise, which the children can take charge of?



Book Swap Friday

Book Swap Friday is to continue this year, and will be run by the newly appointed Literacy Committee. This will happen on the first Friday of every month, beginning in October. On Book Swap Friday, children are welcome to bring into school a book/books (NOT school library books) that they have finished reading and swap it/them for a new book that another child has brought in. Please make sure that books that your children bring to Book Swap Friday are in a reasonable condition so that another child can enjoy reading them!

Thank you for your support.

School uniform and PE kit Mountain Warehouse

We'd like to take the opportunity to remind you of the importance of children bringing in the correct kit for PE and swimming.

PE:

- white T-shirt
- blue/black shorts
- short white socks
- clean trainers

swimming: trunks/costume, towel & cap

Please ensure these are all clearly labelled with your child's name.

The Year 3/4 residential is on the horizon, and the kit list will be coming your way in the near future.

Although we recommend that you send your child with old clothes which can get dirty, if you do need to buy them anything, Mountain Warehouse in the Intu Centre have kindly agreed to give a 10% discount to Etwall Primary School families whose children are attending the residential. All you need to do is mention the school

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.



Key dates for your diary

Monday 3rd & Tuesday 4th September INSET

Monday 10th September — second instalment of residential payment due (year 3/4 children)

Friday 28th September—Stand - up day

Thursday 4th October—individual photos day

Monday 8th October—PTFA film night

Tuesday 16th & Thursday 18th October Parent Teacher consultation evening

Friday 26th October PTFA Recycle day

Monday 29th October— Friday 2nd October HALF TERM

Wednesday 7th November WWI event at Etwall Church 9.30am

Friday 9th November —PTFA Fireworks event

Wednesday 28th November—Christmas discos

Friday 7th December - PTFA Secret Santa event

Monday 10th December—PTFA Christmas hamper day

Thursday 13th December—Christmas concert at Etwall Church

Wednesday 19th December—Christmas lunch

Thursday 20th December— Year 3/4 Christmas party

Friday 21st December—End of term



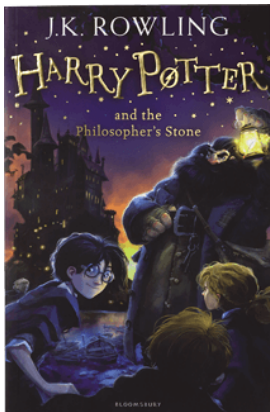
Recommended Reads

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone by JK Rowling

When mysterious letters start arriving on his doorstep, Harry Potter has never heard of Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. They are swiftly confiscated by his aunt and uncle.

Then, on Harry's eleventh birthday, a strange man bursts in with some important news: Harry Potter is a wizard and has been awarded a place to study at Hogwarts.

And so the first of the *Harry Potter* adventures is set to begin.



Recommended Reads

The Butterfly Lion by Michael Morpurgo

Bertie rescues an orphaned white lion cub from the African veld. They are inseparable until Bertie is sent to boarding school far away in England and the lion is sold to a circus. Bertie swears that one day they will see one another again, but it is the butterfly lion which ensures that their friendship will never be forgotten.

