



Falcon and Kestrels News

Summer Term 6 2015

Etwell Primary School

Homework

It is fabulous to see how the children have developed over the year in their independent attitude towards their homework. Please remind children that if they are struggling to carry out any research at home, there is a library club every Monday lunchtime where the children can work (places are limited).

Welcome Back!

We hope that you had an enjoyable and relaxing half term holiday and you are ready and raring for the new term.

As always, we have planned lots of exciting learning opportunities to challenge the children and extend their knowledge.

We are looking forward to lots of exciting events during this term, including sports day, transition days, watching the years 5 and 6 in their production of Alice in Wonderland and

the World Cup Afternoon. Don't forget to keep looking on your child's class page on the school website.



Our Humanities Topic is

Why were Norman castles not bouncy?

Sponsored Events

Each year the children participate in a fundraising event for a chosen charity. The school council have nominated the *Rainbows Hospice for Children and Young People* as their charity of choice. The charity is dedicated to meeting the needs of the children and young people from the East Midlands who come to the hospice. These children and young people are all affected by life-limiting and life-threatening conditions. Kestrels and Falcons will be doing their sponsored activity this term.



Maths

Our maths focus for this term will be extending our knowledge of multiplication and division, fractions, decimals and percentages and measurement.

We look forward to continuing our combined maths and outdoor learning opportunities as often as possible.

Rapid Number Recall

will continue on a daily basis. Please remember to discuss with your child regularly what step they are on.

English

In Kestrels and Falcons, we will continue to have a spelling test every Monday. Spellings were handed out at the beginning of term 5 as a booklet. The booklet contains term 6 spellings as well. Please ask your teacher if you need another copy of the spelling lists. It will help your son/daughter sig-

nificantly if you are able to help them practise at home.

We continue to have a strong focus on presentation and handwriting and we would be delighted to be able to issue more pen licences this term! Please en-



courage your child to consider these areas when completing homework.

This term, we will be writing a play script in order to produce a film. We will be writing a story that includes a dilemma, taking part in a debate and writing explanation texts.

Science

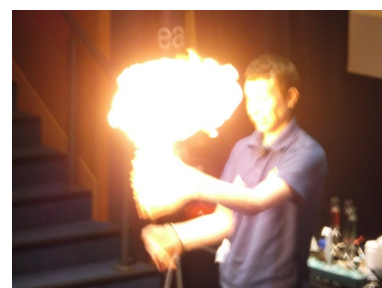
This term we will be taking a closer look at some of the scientific topics that we have covered during the year. The children will have an opportunity to further their enquiry skills in an area they noted for development.

We hope to incorporate lots of practical investigations and as

much outdoor learning as possible. The children will also be encouraged to build on their research skills by seeking infor-



mation from a variety of sources e.g. books, the internet.



Deutsch

Frau Mellor will be teaching the children German on Wednesday mornings. She will endeavor to cover some of the following objectives. They will be:

- * listening for specific words and sounds.
- * identifying phonemes which are the same as or different from

English.

- * repeating words and phrases. speaking clearly.
- * saying please and thank you. introducing themselves.
- * asking someone what their name is.
- * understanding classroom in-

structions.

- * knowing some things about the everyday life of children of different cultures and countries.
- * comparing my everyday life with that of a different culture or country.



E-Safety

Derbyshire County Council and Derbyshire Police are increasingly receiving reports of children and young people accessing inappropriate content and being contacted by unknown individuals using apps and websites which enable video chat. There has also recently been national research published by the Internet Watch Foundation which identified that children and young people as young as seven were being ex-

ploited online on webcams and chat sites. This local and national concern serves as an opportunity for us to remind all children and young people about being safe online and work together in partnership with parents/carers.

Here at Etwall we continue to teach our pupils all about how to stay safe on the internet although we believe by reinforcing this at home the message be-

comes much clearer. For support at home about e-safety check out these websites:

www.thinkuknow.co.uk – Visit the "Parent/Carer" section and use the "Click CEOP" button to seek advice and report online abuse.

www.childnet.com – Visit the 'Parent/Carers section for information.

PSHE, P.E, Music, ADT, Computing and R-Time

In PHSE, the children will be thinking about the value of money and how to look it, as well as learning about how they are growing and changing.

In P.E, the children are going to be taking part in outdoor adventurous activities, for example,

den building, orienteering and obstacle courses.

In music, we are listening to and recalling sounds with increasing aural memory.

In ADT, the children are going to be making a working draw bridge and a Norman castle .

In computing, the children will be developing their programming skills by using Kodu.

R-Time will continue every Thursday, allowing the children dedicated time to reflect on the qualities of good citizenship.

Humanities and R.E

In humanities, our topic question is 'Why were the Norman castles certainly not bouncy?'

They will be looking at castles, William the Conqueror, the Norman conquest and why 1066 is an important date.

In RE, the title of this term's

topic is 'Can religions build a fair world?'

The children will be thinking about what fairness and justice is, what we can learn from religious teachings about how to treat others, why we should treat people fairly, what is Fair Trade and why is it important.



Dates for your Diary

Thursday 4th June—Falcon's sponsored run.

Monday 8th June—Sports Morning and Picnic.

Thursday 11th June—Kestrel's sponsored run.

Tuesday 16th June—Keep Safe Committee Meeting.

Thursday 18th June—Summer Masquerade Disco .

Friday 19th June—Languages Day.

Monday 22nd June—Reserve Sports Day.

Thursday 25th June—Maths Workshops for parents.

Friday 26th June—World Cup Morning.

Tuesday 30th June—Changeover Day.

Wednesday 1st July—Changeover Day.

Friday 3rd July—INSET Day.

Wednesday 15th July—Y5/6 dress rehearsal to whole school.

Thursday 16th July—Y5/6 show to parents.

Monday 20th July—Parent's Open Evening

Friday 24th July—Last day of term.

Interactive Resources

Interactive resources is a invaluable resource that can be accessed at home. Your child's class teacher will regularly upload appropriate and relevant games for children to play to aid their mathematical learning.

<http://www.interactive-resources.co.uk/>

Username: epspupil

Password: epspupil

Maths

On the school website under 'School Information' there is a maths page. On here are the methods of calculation that we use.

There are also links to useful websites for you to use at home. One of these websites is www.interactive-resources.co.uk. Each class has their own section with games on, to link to what they are learning in maths at the moment. The username and password for this is the same and is epspupil (all lowercase, all one word). Please look out for more updates on this page.

We are also going to be running parent workshops on Thursday 25th June from 3:45—5:00pm. More information about this will be sent out about these in the future.

Lea Green

If you have not had the chance to look at the photographs on the school website, here are a few photographs from Lea Green.

