



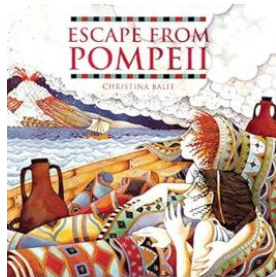
Pirton School

Kestrels

Spring Term 2024– Curriculum Newsletter

English

This Spring term, we will be reading a range of texts including The Iron Man by Ted Hughes and Escape From Pompeii.



Maths



Our taught maths content this term include:

Multiplication and division

Length, perimeter, and area

Mass and capacity

Fractions and decimals

Science

In our Forces and Magnets topic the children will learn about contact and non-contact forces, including friction and magnetism. They will also investigate frictional and magnetic forces, and identify parts of a magnet and magnetic materials.

Information

Spellings will be tested on Thursdays.

Home learning will be set on a Thursday and due back on a Tuesday.

Reading diaries will be checked weekly.

Please make sure that all items are labelled!

Key Dates

Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th February: Parents' Evening

19th-23th February: Half Term

Wednesday 28th February: Sharing Assembly

Further important dates will be updated and can be found on our school calendar.

History/ Geography

In our Rocks, Relics and Rumbles project children will learn about the features and characteristics of the Earth's layers, including a detailed exploration of volcanic, tectonic and seismic activity. We will also discover how fossils are formed and have a go at making some ourselves.

Art and Design

In their first project, *Ammonite*, the children will practice using artistic techniques in sketching, printmaking and sculpture, using images from Fibonacci as inspiration. In *People and Places* the children will work learn about the genre of figure drawing. They study the figure drawings and urban landscapes of the artist LS Lowry and create artwork in his style to show scenes from our school.

Design and Technology

Making it Move - This project teaches children about cam mechanisms. They experiment with different shaped cams before designing, making and evaluating a child's automaton toy.

Computing

We will begin this term by introducing children to using spreadsheets. They will learn how to input data and use this to create graphs. Later in the term, we will be using the Logo program to design patterns.

PE

For the first half of the term in PE, the children will take part in Basketball and in the second half term they will be completing dance and gymnastics. PE is on a Monday PE kits should be kept in school throughout the week and every item of kit should be **clearly named**. We are also completing swimming lessons throughout the term on a **Wednesday**. Please ensure your child brings the correct kit on a Wednesday.

PSHE/RSE

In PSHE lessons, we will begin looking at Safety and the Changing Body, including being safe online, how to give basic first aid, and how the body changes. We will then move on to understanding Citizenship, developing an idea of how people can contribute positively and negatively to society.

RE

In RE, the children will be learning to ask and answer some 'ultimate questions'. Following this we will explore the role of prayer, reflection, meditation and stillness in different religions and world views and will learn about religious leaders in Christianity and Judaism.

Music

Three Little Birds –As well as learning to sing, play, improvise and compose with this song, children will listen and appraise other Reggae songs.

French

Children will be able to discuss and write sentences to describe the weather. After half term we will move to the unit 'Presenting Myself' where the children will recap skills such as counting to 20, greetings and explaining how they are feeling.