

Kestrels



Pirton School

Summer Term 2026 – Curriculum Newsletter

English

This term, our English lessons will focus on a range of exciting and engaging texts across different genres:

- 1) *Speak Up! Look Up! and Clean Up!* A set of books by Nathan Bryon that we will use to inspire writing of persuasive letters.
- 2) *Instructions* by Neil Gaiman and *Wolf in the Snow* by Matthew Cordell, which we will use to support learning to write clear instructions.
- 3) *Year Full of Celebrations and Festivals* by Claire Grace & Christopher Corr, which we will use to learn to write non-chronological reports.
- 4) *The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes, which we will use to inspire some creative narrative writing.
- 5) *Poems Aloud* and *Smile Out Loud* by Joseph Coelho – Poems to inspire the children to write their own kennings.

In our Guided Reading lessons, we will read *The Enchanted Wood* by Enid Blyton and *The Queen's Nose* by Dick King-Smith.

Maths

Our taught maths content this term includes fractions, money, shape, time and statistics.

We will also continue to work on our times tables knowledge with weekly 'Turbo Tables' sessions and children will be accessing Times Tables Rockstars weekly at school and as part of our home learning.



Science

In our first science unit 'Plant Nutrition and Reproduction', we will learn about the requirements of plants for growth and survival. We will describe the parts of flowering plants and relate structure to function, including the roots and stem for transporting water, leaves for making food and the flower for reproduction. After half term, we will be learning about light and dark. We will investigate the phenomena of reflections and shadows, looking for patterns in collected data and explored the risks associated with the Sun.

Information

Spellings will be tested on Tuesdays.

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

Please record your child's reading at home in their reading record.

Please make sure that all items are labelled.

Key Dates

Book looks- Monday 20th April 2026 and Monday 1st June 2026

Kestrels paired learning workshop- Wednesday 6th May 2026

Caldecotte Xperience residential- Monday 13th-Wednesday 15th July 2026

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

History/ Geography

This term, Kestrels will learn about Roman Britain in our history topic 'Emperors and Empires'. Further information about this topic can be found on the Cornerstones Parent Information Sheet.

There is no geography topic but we will continue to revise the learning we have done so far this year and will use maps to look at how the Romans conquered Britain.

Computing

Kestrels will continue learning about how to stay safe online, this term learning about *Health, Well-being and Lifestyle, Privacy and Security* and *Copyright and Ownership*.

They will also further develop their coding skills in Purple Mash and will learn how to create presentations on Google Slides.

Design and Technology

In the DT unit, 'Greenhouses', Kestrels will learn about structures before making their own mini greenhouses.

PSHE/RSE

PSHE lessons this term will follow the topic Economic Well-being, in which the children will learn about budgeting, spending money and careers.

Art and Design

In Kestrels' first project 'Beautiful Botanicals' the children will create natural weavings, two colour prints and beautiful and detailed botanical paintings of fruit.

The next project 'Mosaic Masters' will teach children techniques to help them design and make a mosaic.

Music

This term the first unit 'Enjoying Improvisation' will help the children to identify patterns in songs and learn to improvise. In the second half term, in the unit 'Opening Night', the children will make a band and create their own music to perform.

PE

Our PE units this term are: gymnastics, cricket, dance, athletics and well-being.

PE is on Monday afternoons and Friday afternoons. PE kits should be kept in school throughout the week and every item of kit should be clearly named.

French

This term, Kestrels will build on their previous learning, increasing their vocabulary and grammatical understanding, learning to order an ice cream and then learning to name fruits in French.

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This term, our first unit explores how symbols, actions and artefacts help communities to live together.

After half term, we will explore birth celebrations in different religions.