

Kestrel Class Y3 - Curriculum letter for parents – April 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope everyone had a lovely Easter holiday. Please see the attached timetable and curriculum map for an overview of some of the work we will be covering this term. Mrs Bailey-Candlish will teach Monday to Thursday and Miss Warner will teach on Fridays.

Homework: Maths homework is to use Times Table Rock Stars every week. We will continue to send home spellings, and these should be learnt and tested with your child weekly, so they can be used and applied in all writing in class, as well as in dictation exercises on Thursdays. We expect children to be practising their times tables at home, and they will continue to use and apply these in Maths lessons. This Term we will focus on the 8 times table. At the end of Year 4 the children will sit the Statutory Multiplication Tables Check covering all times tables, so it is important that they become fluent in these during Years 3 and 4. It remains a priority that children read daily at home. Reading books must be returned weekly to be changed. Regular reading is essential if children are to make good progress through reading levels ready for Year 4.

Maths at home: Create opportunities for your child to learn to tell the time daily, using analogue and digital clocks. Weigh and measure out dry goods and liquids whilst cooking together at home. Notice fractions all around us; it's easy with food, beginning with whole, half, quarter and moving on to one third, one fifth etc. Shapes can be spotted everywhere, 2D flat shapes and 3D solid shapes – name and describe them. We use pictograms, bar charts and tables in Science but you might spot some in a newspaper or magazine to talk about.

School **PE kit** should be worn **every Wednesday** for the Summer Term and these **Fridays** for Sports Coaching: **17th April, 1st May, 15th May, 5th June, 19th June, 3rd July, 17th July**. Please remember to remove earrings on all PE and Sports Coaching days *before* school. PE kit should be plain black or navy shorts/skort, plain black or navy tracksuit bottoms or leggings with a school PE t-shirt and school sweatshirt on top (no hoodies) and please ensure your child can tie their own laces if wearing lace-up trainers in order to be safe in PE and the playground. Bring water in a water bottle every day.

Talking to the teachers – If you need to contact us, please get in touch with us via the school office for urgent messages, or ideally see us at the end of the day. As ever you can message us via Dojo for non-urgent issues. Do keep an eye on your child's Dojo points each week. We will work towards an agreed class total for a treat afternoon!

Our class webpage has more links to learning such as places to visit and further online information about Ancient Egypt. The Ashmolean Museum in Oxford is free to visit and has an excellent Egyptian collection.

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We are looking forward to a busy term full of interesting topic work!

Mrs Bailey-Candlish, Miss Warner and Mrs Ryan