

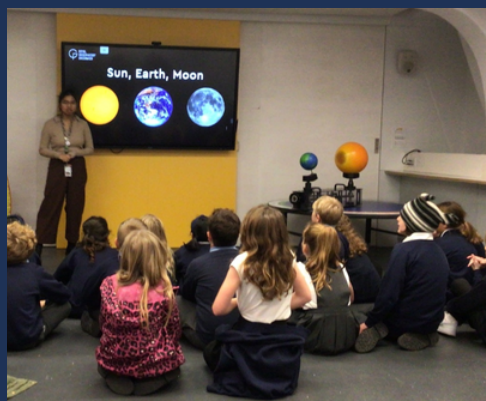
YEAR 5 SPRING 1

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Highlights from this very eventful half term have included: designing and creating stuffed toys in our DT textiles project; writing information reports about invented aliens; visiting The Royal Observatory in Greenwich as part of our 'Earth, Sun and Moon' science topic; reading and enjoying the classic Ancient Greek myth, 'The Odyssey'; creating 'Vector Drawings' in computing and getting to grips with short multiplication and division (bus stop method) in maths. Please do take a look at the 'Autumn Gallery' on our class page on the school website for a more extensive selection of photos.

Wishing all Kestrel families a very happy and enjoyable Christmas.

I look forward to seeing you all in January!



CURRICULUM

In the first half of the Spring term, Year 5 will use their enquiry skills to examine a range of primary and secondary sources of evidence to investigate the rise and fall of the Mayans who inhabited Central America approximately 4000 years ago. In English, we will be learning how to integrate dialogue (speech) to convey character and advance the action in our narrative writing and our class book will be 'Beetle Boy' by M.G,Leonard.

While we will to continue to hone our arithmetic skills in Maths, our main focus will be on securing our conceptual understanding of fractions (including improper and proper fractions) and our ability to calculate and solve problems with these, using materials and diagrams as appropriate. Learning in science will centre around animal (including human) development from birth to old age and, in DT, the children will learn how to evaluate the nutritional content of a food product and will prepare and cook a version of bolognese sauce.

In PSHE, as part of our 'Dreams and Goals' topic, we will investigate different careers and jobs, explore our aspirations and consider the steps needed to achieve specific goals.

DATES AND NOTES

Thursday 25th January: Class trip to The Sainsbury's Centre, Norwich, for a Mayan art workshop. .

Tuesday 23rd January: Kestrel Class Assembly (2.45pm-3.15pm In the School Hall)

Thursday 7th March: Kestrel Reading Cafe (9.00-10.00am in Kestrel Class)

PE and Forest Schools: After Christmas, children will continue to do PE and Forest Schools on a Monday afternoon. They will need to come to school dressed in their PE kit but bring extras (i.e. a long sleeved top, waterproof jacket, and wellies) in a plastic bag for forest schools.