

Grange Academy Kestrels

Key Dates

September

3 Thurs Pupils Return to School

- 10 Thurs BILTT pupil fun day
- 12 Sat Farm Open Day
- 18 Fri Jeans for Genes Day
- 25 Fri Macmillan Coffee Event

October

Black History Month

- 9 Fri Hello Yellow Day
- 13 Tues Parents Evening
- 16 Fri Harvest Festival (Kempston East)

26 - 30 Half Term

November

- 2 Mon Pupils Return to School
- 11 Wed Remembrance Day
- 16 Mon Anti Bullying Week
- 20 Fri Children in Need
- 27 Fri Odd Socks Day
- 28 Sat Grange Christmas Fayre

December

- 16 Thurs Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day
- 17 Fri **Last day of Term (1 pm Finish)**

This list is not exhaustive. Other things may be arranged throughout the term.

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Please see attached an overview for the learning that will be taking place in **Kestrels** this upcoming term and some important dates for your diary.

Our theme for this term **Journeys** and will be personalised to meet your child's needs, as informed by pupils' EHC plans. Furthermore, this overview includes some ideas about how you can support your child's learning at home alongside their daily reading and weekly homework tasks.

We look forward to the exciting term ahead, and to supporting your child to meet their fullest potential.

If you would like to discuss anything, please do not hesitate to get in contact.

Kindest Regards,

Team Kestrels

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Journeys	
English	In English through the text 'Ship of Ghosts' by Nigel Hinton students will develop a love of reading and wider understanding of the world. They will explore the features of narrative and creative writing in addition to recounting and developing the skills to write these texts themselves. We will look at themes of; careers, emotions, geography, nightmares and curious sea creatures.
Maths	This term in Maths, pupils will develop their understanding of Properties of Number, including place value, odd and even numbers, number patterns, and ordering numbers. They will also build confidence using the Four Operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) to solve a range of practical mathematical problems.
Art non option group	In this project pupils will explore how signs, symbols and metaphors can be used to communicate ideas and meanings about a journey through producing a mixed-media work. The main focus will be exploring the Aboriginal culture and the place of art imagery within this culture. Pupils will have opportunities to value and respect the work of different cultures. To have an awareness of Aboriginal beliefs in connection with the dream time rituals and their connection with the land and understand the importance of animals in Aboriginal culture.
DT	Pupils will be learning about controlling movement with a cam mechanism and exploring the use of cams in real-life applications. They will gain understanding of how cam mechanisms can be used to produce movement and that a cam will change rotary motion into linear motion. They will be designing and making a simple Cam toy using resistant Materials. They will make plan drawings, model their ideas using Tech card prototypes and will test out their design ideas before proceeding. Pupils will practice and develop their skills in measuring, cutting, fixing, assembling, problem solving and communication skills.
Humanities	In Humanities pupils are learning about and developing their knowledge of 'the conflict in Ukraine', 'our local area (Bedfordshire)' and Sikhism. Pupils will be developing their research and evaluation skillset as they work through the various units. Pupils will also be investigating the values and beliefs of Sikhism and how they are linked to other religions.
PE	In PE we will be developing fitness levels through consistent and safe use of the fitness equipment. We will also be working on team activities including basketball and football to develop skills in isolation and as part of a game.
Science	In Science pupils will be learning about fossil formation, the discovery of fossils, as well as learning about Mary Anning as a key figure in Scientific history. Pupils will investigate in depth how fossils are formed, the conditions needed, and the process of how fossils occur. They will identify fossil types through investigation and clue findings. Pupils will learn about the life and timeline of Mary Anning, focusing on key events that have had a significant impact on the world of science as we know it today.
Food Technology	This term, Kestrels will be exploring "Journeys" through Food Technology. First, we will look at how we keep food safe when it is traveling from one place to another. We will explore how food needs to be stored and looked after to make sure it stays safe to eat. We will then discover how food travels around the world, learning about different countries, foods, and ingredients. Along the way, we will enjoy making and trying a range of foods, including muffins, frittata, carbonara, pancakes, lasagna and pizza. We are looking forward to exploring the journey of food together.
ICT	This term, pupils will develop their computational thinking skills through a range of practical activities. They will learn how to break problems into smaller parts (decomposition), identify patterns and important information (abstraction and pattern recognition), create step-by-step solutions (algorithm design), and apply these skills to solve real-world problems.
RSHE	This term we will be focusing on communication across a range of formal and informal contexts. They will explore appropriate use of language and body language, alongside recognising appropriate and inappropriate touch, personal boundaries, and consent. Pupils will also learn strategies to keep themselves safe, with links made to expectations within college and workplace environments.

Horticulture	This term pupils will be preparing the beds for new planting of seeds or sets, they will remove all weeds and dead matter from the planted beds and prepare beds for future planting, turning over soil, raking in leaf mould or manure and covering. They will maintain planted areas in the school grounds, trimming hedges and shrubs. Pupils will work on the unit, 'Recognise parts of a plant', researching the function of plant parts.
Life-Skills	Pupils will be using their creative and research skills to create pieces of work around the following topics: meal planning and diet, weight management, gyms and exercise, sleeping routines. They will also be covering units that encompass a range of life skills around living more independently and being left at home alone. Pupils will also be learning about bike safety/bike ability, as well as using public transport safely and applying for a bus pass successfully.

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