

KIRTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

TERM 4 NEWSLETTER 2019



YEAR 2

February 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

We would like to welcome you to the start of a new term. The children have already settled in well and are very busy with their daily timetable.

Our Topic

Term 4: Famous People

In our topic this term, we will be learning about famous figures and how they have had significant impact on the lives of others. We will also be using our researching skills to find out more about these people and will be summarising our findings in a range of text types.

Maths and English

In maths lessons, children will be learning about: *sorting diagrams, counting in 2s, 5s and 10s, fractions and capacity.*

In order to support your child, you could help them with their weekly homework as well as activities such as looking for capacity measurements on bottles at home and making fractions with toys or even food!

It would really support your child if they were confident with their times tables. This would help them in all areas of maths. This term your child needs to learn the two times table, three times table, the ten times table and five times table.

In English, we will be learning about: *biographies, stories by significant authors, recounts, newspaper reports and narratives.*

In order to support your child, you could read a local newspaper or explore books by talented authors such as Roald Dahl and Anthony Browne.

The spellings your child will be learning this term can be accessed through our school website; it would be really useful if you could help your child to learn these spellings.

Please encourage your child to read at home every day and ask them questions about what they are reading at every opportunity. We aim to change books regularly and always love to read comments written by adults at home in their blue reading records.

Your child may bring a water bottle to school. Please ensure the bottle is clearly named and only contains water.

PE

Our PE days are Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate PE kit. For outdoor games, the children need plain black/navy tracksuit bottoms, a plain white t-shirt, a plain sweatshirt and trainers. For indoor PE, the children need plain black/navy shorts, a plain white t-shirt and plimsolls. Every item needs to be clearly labelled and in a bag that will remain in school every day. Kits will be taken home to be washed at the end of each term. No items should be taken home during the term.

Homework

Homework is set on a Friday and will continue to support your child's education. It will include weekly maths and English activities as well as reading, some spelling investigations and multiplication facts. If there are ever any problems about the homework please come and see us as soon as possible.

Important Dates

26.02.19 – 04.03.19 - Book Fair

7.3.18 – World Book Day

5.4.19 – Last day of term 4

23.4.19 – First day of term 5

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HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING THIS TERM:

Key things that parents can do to support their child this term related to things they will be learning about:

- Visit the local library to explore non-fiction books about famous people.
- Create a powerpoint presentation on your favourite famous person.
- Use toys and objects at home to sort in different ways and create a variety of fractions with.
- Collect bottles from home that have capacity measurements in order to become familiar with a range of measurements – think about what bottles you may be able to find in the kitchen and bathroom - but remind your child about keeping safe.
- Read the local newspaper to find out about famous people in your local community as well as explore how a newspaper report is set out.
- Make your own famous people card game! Can you write some of your own clues/facts about a famous person for someone at home to be able to guess? Look at some of the examples below:

	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. born 8th Jan, 19352. died 16th Aug, 19773. career start 19544. hometown Memphis5. first hit "Heartbreak Hotel"6. wife Priscilla7. "King of Rock'n'Roll"
Guess who? - Elvis Presley	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. birthdate unknown, died 23rd April, 16162. age 18, wife Anne Hathaway3. three children4. actor and playwright5. owner "King's Men"6. famous sonnets + "Hamlet"
Guess who? - William Shakespeare	

	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. born 14th March, 18792. died 18th April, 19553. first wife Mileva Marić4. life: GER, AUS, USA5. discovery: photoelectric effect6. Nobel Prize in 19217. theory of relativity
Guess who? - Albert Einstein	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. born 5th Dec, 19012. died 15th Dec, 19663. wife Lillian Bounds4. film producer, showman5. voice actor for his characters6. innovator in animation7. inventor of "Mickey Mouse"
Guess who? - Walt Disney	

Helpful Maths and English websites

Visit <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button> to practise times tables.

Visit <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/5-7-years/words-and-spelling> to practise your year 2 spelling skills.

Visit <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/mental-maths-train> to practise addition and subtraction.

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