

KIRTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

TERM 5 NEWSLETTER 2019



YEAR 2

April 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 5: Who Lives Here?

In our topic this term, we will be comparing locations and features of Kirton and Australia. The children will be learning how plants and animals differ according to their habitats. This will include an investigation of the micro-habitats surrounding our school and some very exciting writing opportunities.

Maths and English

In maths lessons, children will be learning about: *directions, counting in 2s, 5s and 10s, temperature and multiplication and division problems.*

In order to support your child, you could help them with their weekly homework as well as activities such as looking at the temperature each day and making directions to get to the shop! 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 the five times table.

In English, we will be learning about: *recounts, riddles, stories from other cultures, setting descriptions and leaflets.*

In order to support your child, you could read a local leaflet or explore settings when you are reading different books.

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

- *In the month of May, year 2 children will be taking their statutory SATs tests. Please ensure your child is in school.*
- 06.05.19 – May Day Bank Holiday
- 20.05.19 – Y2 Trip to the Lincolnshire Wildlife Park
- 20.05.19– 24.05.19 – Sponsored Walk to take place in school
- 24.05.19 – Last day of term 5
- 03.06.19 – First day of term 6

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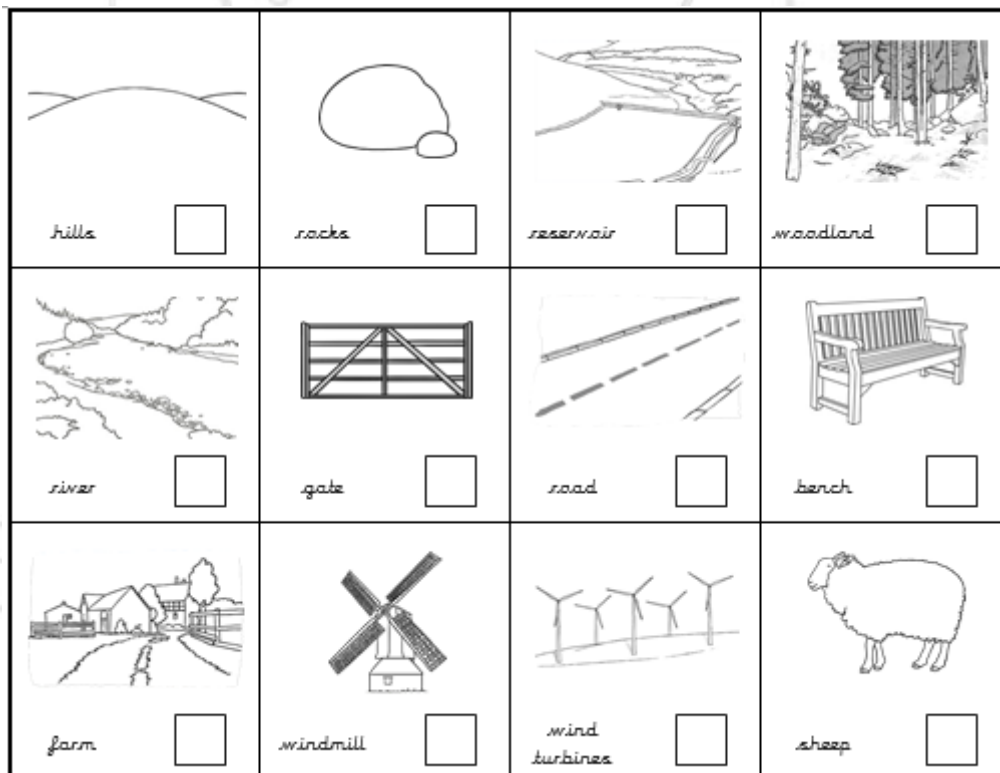


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HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING THIS TERM:

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 a variety of books! How many different settings can you find?
- Go on a habitat hunt around your garden or surrounding areas.
- Use a thermometer to check the temperature outside each day.
- Read the local leaflets to find out about what is happening in your local community.
- Make your own animal habitat leaflet! Can you write some facts about where an animal lives, what an animal eats and what an animal needs in its habitat?
- Follow a map of your local area to get to school or the shop.
- Go on a local walk of your area and see if you can find any of the things below.



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- Follow the instructions below to create a bird feeder to put in a birds habitat.



Make a bird feeder from the bottles you would throw away.

You will need:

- Plastic drinks bottles
- Yoghurt pots or milk cartons (make sure they're clean)
- Wire or string
- Bird seed
- Scissors



Stay Safe: don't do this if you are allergic to nuts. Be careful with knives and scissors. Ask an adult if you need help.



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Step-by-step guide

- 1 Cut a hole in the side large enough to allow a free flow of seeds, but in such a way that it won't all fall out on the ground in the slightest puff of wind, and won't get wet if it rains.



- 2 Make a few small holes in the bottom of your feeder to allow any rainwater to drain away.



- 3 Hang it with wire, or even strong string from a tree or your washing line.



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If your feeder starts to wear out or the food in it goes mouldy, recycle it and make another one! Remember to keep your feeders well stocked, especially in winter. Birds come to rely on them and will go hungry if you forget.



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.

Yours sincerely

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