

KIRTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

TERM 3 NEWSLETTER 2019



YEAR 4

January 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

We would like to wish you a happy New Year and welcome you to the start of 2019.

Our Topic

Term 3: Electricity

Children will learn about electricity and how to build different circuits. The children will also be looking at, designing and building bridges.

Maths and English

In maths lessons, children will be learning about: the four basic operations, angles and bar charts. In order to support your child, you could talk to them about the maths they are learning, identifying the types and names of angles they turn on their way to and from school, and data they see presented in bar charts. 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 up to the 6x table. There is supportive material to use at home on our website.

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In English, we will be learning about: scientific reports, instructions and stories. In order to support your child, you could look at stories and discuss how the authors develop settings, plots and characters. You could also look at instructions and identify common features that appear in them.

The spellings that your child will be learning this term can be accessed through our school website; it would be really useful if you would 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.

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

PE

Doves and Magpies have PE lessons on Tuesdays and Fridays. Skylarks have PE on Thursdays and Fridays.

Please ensure that your child has the appropriate PE kit in school every day. 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 Thursday 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.

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 are:

- *visiting local bridges and identifying whether they are arch, cantilever, suspension or beam bridges – some pictures of you there would be great!*
Alternatively, look at and discuss pictures of bridges with your child.
- *suggesting your child reads instructions that come with toys and games and recipes to any meals you are cooking and identifies similarities between them all. Why not try to cook or construct something together?*
- *identifying whether electrical items in the home are battery powered or use mains electricity*

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Important Dates

- 12.02.19 – Parent's Evening
- 13.02.19 – Parent's Evening
- 15.02.19 – Last day of Term 3
- 25.02.19 – First day of Term 4

Yours sincerely
Mr Batterham
Teachers

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