

KIRTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

TERM 4 NEWSLETTER 2025



YEAR 2

February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

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

Our Topic

Term 4: Where Does our Food Come from?

In our topic this term, we will be learning about geographical similarities and differences through studying the human geography of Kirton's local shops, and physical geography through studying nearby food growing or production. We will become experts at using locational and directional language to describe the location of features and routes on a map. We will use world maps, atlases and globes to learn the name, location and characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the UK. We will learn about tradition foods that originate in the UK.

In science, we will be growing our own plants from bulbs and seeds, learning the sequence of germination, and comparing and contrasting the requirements of germinating seeds with those of mature plants to maintain healthy growth.

Maths and English

In maths lessons, children will be learning about: *adding two-digit numbers, subtracting two-digit numbers, using combinations of coins to make an amount and give change, sorting diagrams, counting in 2s, 5s and 10s, fractions and capacity.*

In order to support your child, you could aid them with their weekly homework as well as activities such as finding the correct money to pay for items at 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 become confident in recalling multiplication facts for the 2s, 10s and 5 times tables. Online interactive games such as 'Hit the Button' can be a fun way for children to practise their instant recall. You can find it here: [https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-](https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button)

[button](https://www.kirton-boston.lincs.sch.uk/kirton-primary-school/children/times-tables-videos). Alternatively, singing our school times tables songs has proven to be a hit in the classroom, you can find them here: <https://www.kirton-boston.lincs.sch.uk/kirton-primary-school/children/times-tables-videos>

In English, we will be learning about: *narratives, traditional tales, instructions, poems, explanations and recounts.*

In order to support your child, you could read parts of a letter to your child, read narratives or even write a diary entry for each day. To continue your child's learning at home, they may want to use their knowledge of the world's continents and oceans to write their own information text about each continent. You may want to explore this website to help you: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zyhp34j>

The spellings that 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. Learning to spell these words will significantly improve your child's ability to read and write these words fluently.

Reading

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 as often as possible, therefore we will check your child's reading records regularly. Please ensure you are using these to log your child's reading, so we know they are ready to move on to a new text. Once your child has read their books once, to improve fluency, we encourage children to re-read the same text again. The first time they read their book, they will be using their skill of decoding to blend sounds to read the words. Reading it a second time, will give children the opportunity to read the words again, this should allow them to demonstrate a more fluent pace, whilst also encouraging their understanding and promoting confidence in their reading.

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

PE

Redpolls and Goldcrests PE days are Mondays and Tuesdays. Chaffinches' 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 activity and spellings. If there are ever any problems about the homework, please come and see us as soon as possible.

Important Dates

24.02.25 – First day of Term 4
04.03.25-06.03.25 – Book Fair
06.03.25 – World Book Day
21.03.25 – Comic Relief Day
04.04.25 – Last day of Term 4
22.04.25 – First day of Term 5

Yours sincerely

Mrs Valentine

Mr Curtis

Miss Yarsley

Year 2 Class Teachers

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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:

- Discuss where the foods you are eating come from.
- Visit a shop and pay for your items using a range of coins and notes.
- Create your own plate of your favourite meal using different materials.



- Use seeds to grow your own plants and observe the changes that happen during the growing stages.
- Visit the local library and explore any books about the world. This could include atlases to learn where different countries are located.
- Write a set of instructions to make a milkshake.
- Write a book review about your favourite traditional tale.

Visit <https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/collection/kids-cooking> to find some delicious recipes suitable for children.

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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Book Review

Book review by: _____

Title: _____

Author: _____

Non-fiction ☐ Fiction ☐

Who was your favourite character?'

Would you recommend this book? Why?

Would recommend ☐

Would not recommend ☐

Illustration of book:

My star rating





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Create a healthy fruit salad using the recipe below.

Fruit Salad



Ingredients

- Blueberries
- Strawberries
- Grapes
- 2 Clementines
- 2 Bananas
- 50ml Orange Juice

Method

Put the blueberries in a big bowl.

Chop the tops off the strawberries, cut them all in half and add to the bowl.

Chop the grapes in half and add to the bowl.

Peel the clementines, break them into segments and add to the bowl.

Peel the bananas, chop them into pieces and add to the bowl.

Pour over the orange juice and stir to coat all the fruit.

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Use the plate and foods below to create a healthy meal.

Healthy Eating Meal Activity

