

KIRTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

TERM 1 NEWSLETTER 2024



Year 2

September 2024

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 1: Famous People

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

Maths and English

In maths lessons, children will be learning about: place value, addition, subtraction, properties of shapes and measurement.

In order to support your child, you could help them with their weekly homework as well as activities such as measuring toys or even finding shapes in the foods you are eating.

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 and the ten times table.

In English, we will be learning about: *recounts, biographies, newspaper reports, instructions, character descriptions 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.

Encourage your child to read at home and ask them questions about what they are reading at every opportunity.

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.

PE

PE days are Mondays and Tuesdays. 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 and a plain white t-shirt. 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.

Water bottles

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

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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:

- Use the internet and books to research information about famous people.
- Create a fact file on your favourite famous person using the template below.

Fact File

Full Name:	Who were they?
Date of Birth:	Who were they?
Place of Birth:	
Famous for:	

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Use a ruler to measure the length and height of a range of toys or objects.

Go on a shape hunt around your house or garden. What shapes can you see? Each time you spot a shape draw a line in the box next to the shape to create a tally. Which shape did you see the most? Which shape did you see the least?

Shape	
	
	
	
	
	
	
	

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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'nRoll"
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	

Important Dates

- 02.09.24 – First day of Term 1
- 09.09.24 – 'Bug Busting' Day
- 17.09.24 – Photographer in school
- 24.09.24 – Flu ImmunisationS
- 15.10.24 – Parents' evening 3.30-6.30pm
- 16.10.24 – Parents' evening 3.30-5pm
- 16.10.24 – Grace Darling Workshop
- 18.10.24 – Last day of Term 1
- 04.11.24 – First day of Term 2

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Valentine

Mr Curtis

Miss Yarsley

Year 2 Class Teachers