



## Kestrels Parent Information 2021



Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 5 and Kestrels. As we are not able to meet you at our “Meet the Teacher” meeting this year we have recorded a video introducing you to year 5 which can be accessed on the school website under the Parents tab. <https://www.cringleford.norfolk.sch.uk/>

### Staffing

Mrs Woodcraft will be in class supporting each morning and Mrs Fowler will be supporting in the afternoons.

Mr Colbeck will be teaching the class PE and Mrs Edwards will be teaching music on a Tuesday afternoon.

### Curriculum Plan

Our topic this term is **Space Explorers**. You will already have received the curriculum map which gives more details about what we will be learning but the exact activities may change depending on where the children’s interest takes us. Many of the children are already excited to find out more about how space exploration has developed and also to see if they have what it takes to be an astronaut.

### Reading

Reading together is one of the most valuable things parents can do to help children develop as learners. Children should have a reading book with them in school every day. This could be chosen from school or a book from home (please make sure it is named).

Ideally we would like all children to **read at home daily for 10 -15 minutes**. The **minimum we would like is 3 times a week**. If your child is a fluent reader, it is still important to read with them at least once a week. You will then be able to discuss the plot and ask questions to check their understanding. A list of possible questions you could use is attached. It would also be great if you could read to your child at least once a week to share stories which they might not otherwise choose.

When the children have completed a reading session, they can write in their reading record themselves or you can record for them, but please can each week be signed by an adult. Please use a new page of the reading record each week, as this makes it much clearer to see how often your child is reading. We will collect the reading records **each Monday** to monitor the range and amount of reading taking place; children will be rewarded with prize points.

### Homework

Homework will consist of regular **reading**; weekly **spellings & handwriting**; a **Maths** activity per week and an ongoing **topic** project.



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Maths will be set on a Thursday and must be completed by the following Monday. Spellings will be sent home on a Tuesday and tested on a Monday. Reading records will also be checked on a Monday.

If your child struggles with a piece of homework, please let us know so we can help them in school. If children regularly fail to hand homework in, they may be kept in at lunch to complete it.

We encourage continued practice of times tables. This can be supported using Times Tables Rock Stars <https://play.ttrockstars.com/>. Your child has been given a label with their login and password in their reading records.

### **Feedback to children**

Children's progress is monitored through marking, discussion and assessments. A whole school marking system is used and includes children being given opportunities to edit and improve their writing in green pens.

### **Rewards and consequences**

- Prize points
- Team points
- Hooray chart
- JONK certificates and Christian Values certificates
- Traffic lights

### **Appointments with Teachers**

If you have a concern or query, you can either find us on the playground at the end of the school day or contact us using our Kestrels email.

[kestrels@cringleford.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:kestrels@cringleford.norfolk.sch.uk)

If you have a message which is urgent and relevant to that day, you can always try to catch us briefly at drop off time or let the school office know and they will pass it on.



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### **PE Kit**

This year we are continuing to ask children to come into school in their PE kits on the days they have PE lessons. This year our PE days are **Tuesday** and **Wednesday**. Part of year 5's PE this year is swimming, which will take place in half term blocks. More details have been set out in a separate letter. On swimming days, the children should come to school in school uniform with their swimming kit in a separate bag.

Please remember children with mid to long hair will need a hair tie and earrings must be removed or taped if they are new piercings.

### **Class visits**

We have several visits planned throughout the year to enrich our curriculum and are hoping these will all be able to go ahead without disruption from Covid. Further details will follow nearer the time.

### **Parent Volunteers**

If you see anything on our Curriculum plan which is related to your own specialism, we would be thrilled if you would come and talk to the class (either in person if possible or via a Zoom meeting).

Many thanks for your support. We look forward to getting to know your children and having a successful year with them.

Mrs Barber & Mrs Brewster