

Kestrel Class News

Autumn Term 2026



Living Things

Our focus in the autumn term will be living things in Science and rivers in Geography. Through our Geography lessons we will learn about the water cycle and study our local river. We are hoping to visit the River Itchen and collect data and present it as young geographers. This will link to our science topic “living things” where we will group animals and plants and learn to use and make classification keys.

Maths

- Place value up to 4 digit numbers
- Addition and subtraction—column method and exchanging
- Multiplication and division—introducing grid method
- Times tables up to 12 x 12
- Fractions
- Geometry
- Measure / Time

English

- Diary entry—How to Train your Dragon
- Non chronological report
- Interview
- Narrative—story based on the novel The Promise
- Persuasive letter

Other subjects

- Science— living things / mixing and separating
- History—Maya civilisation/ Romans
- Geography—Rivers
- DT—Mechanisms and textiles
- RE—Christianity and Judasim

Our class reader/book is : The Magic Faraway Tree by Jaqueline Wilson

Vocabulary

meander— to wind back and forth

nutrients—building blocks for our bodies

source—the start of the river

species— a family of living things who can have babies together

irrigation - the supply of water by man made means

classification— putting things into groups

evaporation— to turn from liquid into gas

vertebrates— an animal with a back bone in its body

How to help at home

Reading daily— please put your book and diary into the reading box every day so an adult can check it.

Homework— Reading 4 times a week, spelling sheet, TimesTable Rock Stars 3 times a week

Outcome:

Parents will be invited in to look at our River Scrapbooks— Friday 23rd October 3.00pm

Key Messages: PE will be on Tuesday and Wednesday. Homework handed out and collected every Friday.