



4th September 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

Kestrel Autumn Term Curriculum Letter 2025

Welcome to Kestrel class! We are really looking forward to working with your children and continuing their Upottery learning journey.

In lower key stage 2, we continue to prepare and encourage our children to be independent learners, to be responsible for their own property and actions and to develop resilience. The adults in Kestrel Class will work on this at school and we would really appreciate your help to encourage independence at home. They are still young but now is the time for Kestrels to become responsible for things like their jumpers/cardigans, reading books and other belongings. We recognise that many children already do all of this and others will need help and support across this academic year to work towards this goal.

This term we have some interesting topics to focus on such as the Ancient Greece, Investigating Weather and Climate, and Animals Including Humans (digestive systems, food chains). Our full Kestrel curriculum is on the school website and can be accessed by the following link:

<https://www.upottery-primary.devon.sch.uk/curriculum/>

We have our P.E sessions on a Tuesday and Friday. Children will wear P.E kit all day on both of these days. We would appreciate your support in ensuring that your child has the appropriate **labelled** clothing for these lessons. P.E kit is: a white school P.E t-shirt/ or plain white, black shorts or black jogging bottoms, a school fleece or school jumper and trainers. Children are not to wear football kit or other sports clothing.

Reading/Homework:

Reading continues to be a focus across the school. Even though we are moving away from Accelerated Reader, we will continue to assess and assign book bands at regular points across the year and reading should continue to be recorded in their green reading records. Please encourage your child to read or be read to at home for approximately 20 minutes per day and sign their reading record book at least 3 times per week. The children also made their own bookmarks on transition day which look wonderful so it would be lovely to see the children using these and taking ownership over their reading.

Alongside daily reading, the children are encouraged to access online learning such as Maths Shed, Spelling Shed and UR Brainy at home. Please ask for another copy of their logins if required. **Year 4s** should be focusing on developing their quick recall of multiplication facts, as they will be completing the **Multiplication Tables Check** in the summer term. We will provide more information regarding this later in the year but the sooner the children start to consolidate these number facts, the easier the MTC will be.

Meet The Teacher:

On **Thursday 11th September at 3.35pm** you are invited, if you would like, to come and visit Kestrel classroom and see where your child is working and how our days run. If you cannot make Thursday but would like to drop in after school on another evening just let me know.

Many thanks for your continued support. Please contact me if you have any concerns either in person or email via admin.

Yours sincerely,
Megan Lambert-Knowles