

# Kestrels' Class Newsletter

## Autumn 2020

### **Welcome Back**

It has been an absolute delight to welcome the children back in to school this week. They have settled very well in to the new routines and I have been very impressed with the standard of behaviour and willingness to learn. I am looking forward to an exciting term ahead.

### **PE information**

This year, pupils are asked to wear their PE kit to school on the days which they have PE. For the pupils in Kestrels, they will have PE on a Tuesday and Thursdays.

### **Reading**

Children should still be reading to an adult at home in KS2. We recommend reading with your child every day for 10 to 15 minutes. Please make a note of the date, title and type of book, and the page numbers the child has read.

As parents, you can encourage children to take responsibility for filling in their own reading diary and your child may also wish to add a comment. Please supervise this at least twice a week and add your own comments as appropriate to note how they are doing. It is also beneficial to read to your child too, even if they are in KS2

At Pirton School, we believe reading records will help children to build up a personalised record of their reading. We also kindly ask that children's reading records are in school every day.

### **Homework**

Homework will be set on a Friday and will be due in on the following Tuesday.

We have agreed in school that homework in the first half term will focus on basic skills such as reading comprehension, maths fluency or Grammar. There will be a mixture of work set within books and online.

Each week, the children's spellings will focus on a spelling rule that they have been taught in class. There will not be a weekly test. Rather, we will be expecting to see the children using the spelling rules in their own writing. Please could you make sure that the spelling books 'live' in the children's bags so that they bring them to school each day. Thank you.