



## Kestrels Newsletter

September 2017



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back for a new school year! All of Class 5 have settled in well and are looking forward to getting to grips with our topic.

Our overarching theme is 'The Great Outdoors' and up to October half term our topic is 'Life on Earth'. They will be writing fact files on animals, trip reviews and biographies of people that work with animals. Also they will be learning lots about mini beasts such as their life cycles and habitats in Science. In D&T Class 5 are already learning two types of stitches used for sewing, which will contribute when making a ladybird pin cushion.

As our topic focuses on insects and smaller mammals Class 5 will be looking after their own insect. We have 10 stick insect eggs that we are hoping will hatch very soon! They will be able to learn about this insect which will feed into their reading and writing.

Be sure to check our class page for updates of all the learning! [www.thryberghprimary.org](http://www.thryberghprimary.org)

**Miss Whitehouse**  
Class Teacher

### Homework

Most of your child's homework will be set on Education City. It will be set on the Friday and typically will be due in the following Wednesday.

If your child is stuck or does not have access to a computer, tablet or iPad at home, your child will be able to do it at the following times:

Monday break time - Miss Whitehouse

Mon-Fri lunch time - Homework club

Monday after school - Homework club (Mrs Platts)

### Trip

We have an upcoming trip to Wentworth to explore different insects and animals.

Further details will follow.

### P.E.

Our P.E days are **Tuesday** and **Wednesday**.

Please ensure your child has their P.E. kit and appropriate footwear; also that long hair is tied back.

### Reading

It is important that you read with your child at least 10 minutes a day.

In Class 5 we run a reading bug system - each night that they read at home with a parent or carer, they fill in a dot on the bug. If all dots are filled by the end of the week, they are entered into a prize draw.