

### Important Dates

<b>Thurs 23rd April</b>	Y5 Instrumental Concert
<b>Mon 4th May</b>	Bank Holiday
<b>Fri 15th May</b>	10am - Kestrels visit to the Library
<b>18th - 22nd May</b>	Neurodiversity Week
<b>Fri 22nd May</b>	End of term
<b>25th - 29th May</b>	Half term
<b>Mon 1st June</b>	Inset day
<b>Tues 2nd June</b>	First day back at school
<b>Sat 6th June</b>	PTA Summer Fayre
<b>Thurs 25th June</b>	Year 5 and 6 production at South Mills
<b>Mon 22nd June</b>	10am - Kites visit to the Library
<b>Wed 8th July</b>	Consultations / transition meetings
<b>Thurs 9th July</b>	Move up day
<b>Fri 10th July</b>	Sports Day
<b>13th - 17th July</b>	Arts Week
<b>Tues 21st July</b>	2pm Break up for summer holidays

### Trips / Events this Term

#### Wednesday 17th June: Egyptian day.

As part of this day, we would like children to dress up in an Egyptian themed costume. This could be as an ancient Egyptian (e.g. in a white tunic or long white t-shirt with a gold belt and shorts underneath) or as an archaeologist/explorer (such as khaki shorts and t-shirt or shirt). A letter has been sent to parents with more information about this.

We are looking for parent helpers to support on this day so if you are interested in helping, please let your child's class teacher know.

Tuesday 14th July: Arts activity and work sharing with parents at 2:50pm.

### PE Kit

Your child will need green shorts and a white t-shirt for indoor PE and a green tracksuit and trainers for outdoor PE. Our PE days are **Mondays** and **Fridays**.

Focus for sessions: Dance, rounders, cricket and athletics.

# Summer Term 2026

We hope you all had a lovely easter break.

If you need to contact us please email:

kestrels@northgate.sch.uk

kites@northgate.herts.sch.uk

We will aim to respond within two working days.

If you need to get a more urgent message to us on the day, please contact the office.

Miss Hartley, Miss Adams and Mrs Ferdinand

### Our Topics

#### Into the Amazon

We will be learning about the traditions, culture, geography and food of Brazil. We will be looking at physical and human geography as well as comparing Hatfield Forest to the Amazon Rainforest. In English, we will be producing a persuasive brochure about Brazil, recognising the beauty and biodiversity of the country.

#### Pharaohs

This is a history based topic about the Ancient Egyptians. The children will be researching everyday life along the Nile, finding out about the Egyptian Gods and hieroglyphics. In art, we will be making ushabti dolls - figures in ancient Egypt who accompanied the deceased to the after-life.

### PSHE

**Unit 1: Relationships.** Children will learn about the importance of self esteem and how this can be boosted. Children will learn about the positives and negatives of online communities and the affects of too much screen time. Children are taught about grooming and how people online can pretend to be whoever they want.

**Unit 2: Changing me.** A letter will be sent out nearer the time regarding the content of this unit.

### Home Learning

Home learning will be set every Friday and be due in the following Friday. An overview and any resources needed will be uploaded to Google Classroom. Please speak to the class teacher if you require a paper copy.

- Maths and English tasks will be set on alternate weeks. Maths tasks will be completed on Mathletics and English tasks on Google Forms.
- Every week, your child will have ten spellings to practise based on the 'Read, Write, Inc' spelling scheme. These will be tested the following Friday.
- Tables up to 12 x 12 should be practised on a weekly basis.

Your child will bring home a school library book every day. They are expected to read at home three times a week for at least 15 minutes. in order to help them increase their vocabulary and deepen their understanding of the text. If your child is a fluent reader, please talk to them about the vocabulary and check their understanding of the text. his should be recorded in their reading record. Age appropriate books from home may be brought in to read.

### Reading KS2

This half term we will be continuing to read **The Children of the Benin Kingdom**. Please ensure your child's reading record is in school daily so they can be used for communication about reading progress.

All children are expected have a book in class. They may use school library books or bring in an age appropriate book from home. If you are interested in helping to listen to individual readers, please contact the office.

### Maths

**Focus of the term:** Percentages, geometry, multiplication, division and time.

**KIRFS: Summer 1:** I can apply multiplication and division facts to solve those including powers of 10

e.g.  $80 \times 50 = 4000$

**Summer 2:** I can recall metric conversion facts.