



# Love to Learn, Learn to Care

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**RE: Kestrels' Curriculum Newsletter Half Term 2**

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Dear Parents

I hope that you and your family enjoyed a pleasant half term. It was lovely to welcome the children back this week and hear about all they got up to over the break.

Looking back, all the children have made a really positive start to Year 5. They have achieved a great deal and are trying hard to have that 'can do' growth mindset – we are so proud of them!

In terms of the curriculum, we will be starting on our next topic, which is a Geography one. We will be soaking up the sun (virtually!) as we explore the Mediterranean. Please look on the school website, under Kestrels, for the Knowledge Organiser for our Club Med topic that includes all the key points that we will be focusing on over the course of the topic. Please share this with your child and help them to learn the key facts as they will be tested on these at the end of the unit. Once again, if you have anything that would be of interest to the class with regards to the Mediterranean (pictures of lovely sunny holidays perhaps?) please ask your child to bring it in to share.

While you are on the Kestrel's class page, do take a look at the Virtual Memory Book for last term to see what your children have been up to (this should be available to view from next week).

We will be continuing with our class reader 'Freedom?' this half term and, once we have finished it, we will be moving on to reading 'Street Child' by Berlie Doherty. In our Science lessons we will be learning all about Space.

Thank you for your support with encouraging your child to read at home - our goal is to get all the children reading for a minimum of 20 minutes at least 4 nights a week, so please remind them to record their reading in their homework diaries and then give it to you to sign so that it will count towards our challenge.

If you need to speak to me, please email the school office or pop a note into your child's homework diary (don't forget to remind your child to show it to me!) and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Kind regards,

Miss Herbert  
Year 5 Teacher



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