



Autumn 1 Curriculum Newsletter 2026

Kestrel Class

We are so excited to begin this wonderful learning journey together!

This half term our theme will be **"All About Me."** The children will have the chance to explore what makes them special by creating self-portraits, talking about their families, and thinking about the places where they live. We will enjoy a walk around the local area looking for signs of autumn as well as learning how to keep ourselves healthy and hygienic.

Phonics – This term we will be learning the sounds; s/a/ t/ p /i/n/ m/d/g/o /c/k/ ck/e/u/r/s/ss/h/b/f/ff /l/l/

Our hard to read and spell words; I, the, no put, of, is to, go, into pull as, his

English – this term we will start with looking at letter formation and writing our names. We then will look at a range of texts linked to our theme including But Martin, Colour Monster and Dirty Bertie. We will work on drawing images linked to the stories and creating our own 'message' which will include pre writing shapes, sounds and some CVC words.

Maths – In Maths this half term the children will enjoy hands-on activities to build their early maths skills. They will match and sort objects, compare amounts, size, mass, and capacity, and explore patterns by copying, continuing, and creating their own.

Key Vocabulary - different, similar, opposite, family, self-portrait, changes, address, autumn, emotions, feelings, healthy, unhealthy, exercise, germs, hygiene

Communication and Language – this term we will be developing our listening skills by joining in class discussions on the carpet. In the first week children will share their all about me books and talk in front of the class.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development – in lessons we will be focusing on what makes us special and who is special. In the provision we will be focusing on making friends.

Physical Development – In PE we will develop balancing, hopping, jumping and landing this term.

Understanding the World – This half term, we will go on an Autumn walk to notice the changes in the season and explore our local environment. We will learn about where we live and where Stanion School is, using simple maps.

Expressive Arts and Design – in art we will be creating self-portraits using various media. We will also be exploring our home corner and acting out familiar events.

