



KESTREL CLASS NEWS

A PEEK AT OUR WEEK



12/1/26 — 16/1/26

THIS WEEK'S LEARNING

Writing:

Suspense unit of writing: Portraying character emotions within suspenseful events.

Spelling focus: the root 'mono' meaning one or single.

Reading:

Exploring the poet's use of language and accurate retrieval of facts from a non-fiction text about the invention of the camera.

Mathematics:

Multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100; partitioning and expanded notation for multiplication, leading to standard written multiplication.

Music:

Our first trumpet lesson!

Design Technology:

Introduction to our soup making.

Geography:

Exploring countries of the UK: identifying them on a map and learning key facts.

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IMPORTANT DATES:

13/1/26 - Trumpet lesson with Surrey Arts 'Tuning Up'

6/2/26 - PTA Disco

16/2/26 - Half Term

19/3/26 - PTA Easter cake sale

WEEKLY SNAPSHOTS!!



We used counters to make arrays when finding factor pairs of numbers.

2026

January

Month of New Beginnings

1st

month of the year

National Hobby Month



Season:

Winter

Flowers of the Month



Carnation



Snowdrop

Birthstone



Garnet

31 days

January Fact...

January is named after Janus, the Roman god of beginnings and transitions. It is known to be the coldest month in the Northern Hemisphere and the warmest in the Southern Hemisphere.



Star Signs

Capricorn



Aquarius



Average Weather

Cold, often cloudy, with frosty mornings. Snow is possible. Sleet and cold rain are more common. Temperature Averages: 0°C - 7°C

Diary Dates...

- 1st - New Year's Day
- 2nd - Science Fiction Day
- 4th - World Braille Day
- 5th - National Bird Day
- 8th - World Typing Day
- 8th - Earth's Rotation Day
- 11th - International Thank-You Day
- 18th - Thesaurus Day
- 19th - Martin Luther King Day
- 23rd - Handwriting Day
- 24th - International Day of Education
- 25th - Burns Night
- 26th - Australia Day
- 29th - National Puzzle Day

Abbreviation: Jan

Birthdays...

- 3rd - J R R Tolkien
- 4th - Isaac Newton
- 6th - Joan of Arc
- 8th - Elvis Presley
- 8th - Stephen Hawking
- 15th - Martin Luther King Jr
- 19th - Edgar Allan Poe
- 25th - Virginia Woolf
- 26th - Bessie Coleman
- 27th - Wolfgang A Mozart



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