

Year 5 – kestrels Autumn Curriculum Letter



We have had an excellent start to the first half term, a few hiccups along the way but children are settling in well. We have finished our enjoyable topic of Lost and are excited for our new topic going back in time to learn about 'The Ancient Egyptians'.

In English, our focus will be on sentence structure, grammar and mastering writing skills. Children will also be expanding their range of vocabulary. They will be writing stories, reports, newspapers and instructions.

In Maths, our focus will be statistics, multiplication and division and area and perimeter. As well as continuing to develop our multiplication knowledge.

During our topic we will discover:

- In science, we will be looking at forces. We will explore how gravity works and the reaction forces against us. Children will take part in experiments in our new science lab.
- In art and design, we will analyse and interpret Egyptian art and hieroglyphics as well as create our own using a range of techniques such as: sketching, painting and printing on a range of materials.
- In Design and technology, we will be learning about food and nutrition as well as designing and building a Ginger Bread House in time for Christmas.
- In history, we will be exploring the Ancient Egyptians, learning about what life was like in 3100BC and their customs as well as visiting the Fitzwilliam museum in Cambridge on Friday 9th November.

On Thursday afternoons Mrs Pottuff will be leading the sessions on Music, French and R.E.

In R.E, Children will be learning all about God and the different beliefs of other religions and their Gods.

- In music, Children will be enjoying our new music room and will be composing music using different instruments to the theme of Space and forces.
- In French, children will be continuing to learn their numbers, days, months, seasons and starting to learn about food shopping.

Children must remember to bring in their **PE kits on WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY** where we will be doing tag rugby and OAA both outside so will need warm kit.

Homework: Children will receive spelling homework every Monday for test on Fridays. On Fridays, children will receive English and Maths homework ready to be handed in on the following Friday. Children will be bringing their AR reading books home and encouraged to read at least 3 times a week.

If you have any queries or concerns, please don't hesitate to speak with me. I am always happy to discuss anything important to you and your child. I will also be available for drop-ins on Wednesday afternoons from 3pm. I look forward to an exciting and engaging year of learning.

Important Date: Wednesday 12th December and Thursday 13th December at 2pm.

Mrs Humphrey