

## Year 5 – kestrels Autumn Curriculum Letter



**Welcome back** to another year at Great Barford Primary. I hope that you have had a wonderful summer and that the children are ready for an exciting year! Our first topic for this half term is 'Lost!' where we will explore the text 'Kensuke's Kingdom' by Michael Morpurgo and for the second half of the term we will be going back in time to learn about 'The Ancient Egyptians'.

**In English**, our focus will be on sentence structure, grammar, creating our own poems, writing dialogues and speech and writing persuasive arguments. Children will also be expanding their range of vocabulary.

**In Maths**, our focus will be on place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division as well as statistics.

**During both topics we will discover:**

- How to read maps, identify land and sea and create our own maps. As well as name and locate countries of the world and cities in the UK by using an atlas, a globe and even google earth.
- What country the book of Kensuke's Kingdom is based on and the history of the story.
- In science, we will be exploring earth and space as well as looking at forces and how they make up our universe. Children will be able to describe the movement of planets and have a grasp of gravity on earth. Children will also be able to explore the Planetarium when it comes to visit the school.
- In art and design, we will analyse and interpret Aboriginal art 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 building a Ginger Bread House following the theme of Hansel and Gretel getting Lost!
- In history, we will be exploring the Ancient Egyptians, learning about what life was like in 3100BC and visiting the Fitzwilliam museum in Cambridge.

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.
- 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 netball and badminton, then tag rugby and OAA.

**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.

Mrs Humphrey

