



Kestrel Class Curriculum Letter



Summer Term 1 2024

During the first half of the Summer Term, we will be learning all about Ancient Egypt! Below is an outline of what we will be learning in a range of key subjects. I hope you find it useful when supporting your child with their learning.

English



Our key text in English this half term is 'Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx' by Joe Todd-Stanton. This is an exciting adventure story which will be the inspiration for our own narrative writing. We are going to learn about the structure of an adventure narrative, how to create exciting and varied sentences and how to build suspense to hook our readers.



Maths



We have a busy half term in Maths, looking at:

- Comparing, ordering, adding and subtracting fractions.
- Counting money, finding change and solving problems with money

You can help at home by supporting your child in using money e.g., finding amounts left over after buying something.

Computing

We will be coding using Scratch on the laptops this half term, to design, write and debug our own programs.

Useful websites:

<https://scratch.mit.edu>

History and Geography

A lot of our learning this half term will be history and geography based. In history, we will take on a variety of enquiries and examine different sources of evidence to find out about the daily life of Ancient Egyptians. In our geography lessons, we will be finding out about Egypt's human and physical geographical features. We will explore the importance of the River Nile in both ancient and modern Egypt.

Useful websites:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zg87xnb>

French

We are going to learn how to talk about different body parts and then have a conversation about a body part we may have hurt.

Art

In our art lessons, we will be working with clay to design, make and paint a coil pot and a lid in the style of an Ancient Egyptian Canopic jar.



RE

This half term, we will be learning more about Hindu beliefs. We will explore the idea of Brahman and some key Hindu Gods then compare this to Christian beliefs.

Homework and Spellings

This half term's homework will follow the usual format and a Homework Menu will be sent home with your child with a choice of tasks to complete over the half term. As well as these tasks, please read with your child daily and practise minute games and spellings. Spellings will continue to be sent home every Friday and tested the following Friday. Your support with these tasks at home is vital to your child's success and your assistance is greatly appreciated.

PE

PE will continue to be on Mondays and Wednesdays. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school every day, including appropriate footwear. This half term, we will be developing our fundamental movement skills (such as running, throwing and jumping) in athletics and working on our core strength.