



# Kestrel Class

## Curriculum Letter

Autumn Term 1 2020

Welcome to Kestrel Class!

I hope you enjoyed the summer holidays. Our topic this half term is called 'Lighting the Way'. We will be learning all about light and shadows in science and the significance of light in different religious celebrations in RE, ending with our own Diwali celebration! Our English lessons will take your child on a journey through magical lands and into the worlds of the many fairy tales that children know and love. Below is an outline of what the children will be learning and some useful ideas of how you can help your child to succeed.

I look forward to meeting you all throughout the year.

Miss Reeves

### English

We will be learning about magical stories and comparing their features and the language used within them. We will then be writing our own journey stories using ideas from our imagination and the many books we will read together throughout the half-term!

#### You can help your child at home by:

Reading fairy tales/traditional stories with them.  
Discussing familiarities between fairy tales e.g. good/bad characters, settings and any interesting language choices made by the author. You could also discuss how a character is feeling during key parts of the story and why they feel that way.

### Maths

In the first half term we will be covering:

- Place value of 3-digit numbers
- Ordering and comparing numbers
- Addition and subtraction of 1, 2 and 3-digit numbers

As well as recapping key learning from Year 2.

#### You can help at home by:

Providing opportunities to practise addition and subtraction and talking about the place value of numbers e.g. how many tens in 67? Encouraging your child to tell you about what they have been learning in school.

### PE

PE is going to be outdoors this half term.

Children will wear school uniform for the time being but please ensure your child has suitable PE shoes in school at all times.

### Science

We will be learning about light, how it travels, how shadows are formed, reflections and the power of the sun through lots of hands on investigations!

### RE, Design Technology and Geography

Our work in these subjects will link to the core subjects. In Design Technology, we will be creating pop-up books for our own stories using a variety of levers and mechanisms. We will make maps of our imagined world in Geography and we will be learning all about what light symbolises in different religious celebrations in RE.

### Homework & Spellings

A 'homework menu' will be sent home with your child with a choice of tasks to complete over the half term. This will be explained in more detail in an upcoming parents pack. As well as these tasks, please read with your child daily and practise minute games and spellings. Spellings will be sent home every Friday and tested the following Thursday.

### Fruit at Playtimes

Now that your child is in Year 3 they are no longer provided with a snack at morning playtime. If your child wishes to have a snack at this time please provide a piece of fruit for them which they can put in their tray in the morning.