Kestrel Class Curriculum Letter

Autumn Term 2 2026

Welcome back, Kestrel Class!
I hope you enjoyed the half term holiday. 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 R.E. 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.
Miss Hubery

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

This half term we will be covering:

- Strategies to multiply and divide by 2, 5, 10, 3 and 4
- Using multiplication to solve word problems

You can help at home by:
Providing opportunities to practise formal written methods of addition and subtraction and by practising times table minute games with your child.

During our lessons, we will continue to use Times Tables Rockstars to reinforce our multiplication knowledge. Please do encourage your child to practise at home too.

P.E.

P.E. will continue to be on **Wednesdays and Thursdays**. We will be performing gymnastics. Please ensure your child has their P.E. kit in school at all times, including suitable footwear and shorts.

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!

R.E., Design & Technology and Art & Design

Our work in these subjects will link to the core subjects. In Design and Technology, we will be creating pop-up books for our own stories using a variety of levers and mechanisms. In Art and Design we are creating our own Diya lamps to link with learning all about what light symbolises in different religious celebrations in R.E.

Homework & Spellings

Thank you for your brilliant homework efforts last half term! This half term's homework will follow the same 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 spellings on Spelling Frame, or TTRS regularly.

MyMaths has now been added to the Homework Menu, with the children's log in information being in their Homework Books. If you would like any help with logging into this, please don't hesitate to get in touch.