

Inspiring Curriculum Newsletter

Kestrels

Spring 2015



**Our Theme: Paintings, Pictures and
Photographs**

Our Key Values:

Caring, Commitment to Achieve, Co-operation,
Fairness, Honesty, Respect



Happy New Year! We are all looking forward to a brand new term.

Literacy

In Literacy, we are learning how to develop creative writing skills in stories which raise dilemmas and linking our poetry with the works of art we are studying in IPC. We will also be exploring the features of explanations and information texts, as well as promoting grammar, spelling and punctuation during every lesson.

Numeracy

In Numeracy, we are continuing to develop the skills involved in calculating using the four operations. We will also work through activities in place value, time and fractions as well as combining these skills in real-life and word problems. Times tables will continue to be learnt on a weekly basis.

Science

In Science, we are learning about light. We will be exploring light and dark and how shadows can be created, as well as looking at the properties of materials, such as transparent, opaque and translucent.

R.E

In R.E, we are learning about Muslim beliefs and lifestyle. We will learn about the Five Pillars of Islam and the Qu'ran and how Muslims use these in their everyday life.

Computing

In Computing, we are learning about how to stay safe when using the internet, exploring computer networks and learning how use video cameras to shoot a short video.

PSHE

In PSHE, we are learning about 'Going for Goals' and 'Good to be me'. We will explore what we want to achieve at different stages of our life and how we might reach these goals.

P.E

With Mr Toothill, we will be completing activities in Gymnastics and Netball.

International Primary Curriculum

We learn these subjects through our theme. For our themes we have an entry day to enthuse the children and an exit day to celebrate all that we have learned.

Our theme is Paintings, Pictures and Photographs.

Our Entry Day activities involve lots of art activities, including each painting a small piece of a large art work and then attempting to put it together again!

Our Exit Day will see the opening of our very own art gallery, where you will be able to visit to see all our amazing paintings, pictures and photographs.

As Artists we will be finding out

- How artists use different materials and techniques for their work.
- About the reasons why different art work is produced.
- How to appreciate and interpret the work of others.

As Geographers we will be finding out

- How symbols are used on maps and plans.
- How the world can be recorded in aerial photos and satellite images.

As Historians we will be finding out

- About how portraits and photos help us find out about the past.

As Musicians we will be finding out

- How symbols are used to represent sound.
- How visual images can inspire musical compositions.

In Society we will be finding out

- How visual images can be used to influence us.
- How graffiti and street art can affect our environment.

Important Information

As per the school homework policy, which is available at www.marketrasen.lincs.sch.uk, homework will be set on Wednesday and returned on Monday.

Our P.E. days are Tuesday and Thursday.

Spelling tests will take place on a Monday, and tables tests (Maths Challenge) will take place on a Friday. Any help you can give your child to prepare for these would be greatly appreciated.

Please continue to hear your child read any night, and complete their Reading Record book. Thank you.

I hope this gives you a clearer picture of the work we will be covering this term. I'm sure we will have a great time exploring all these areas. If you feel you can help in any way, I would be delighted to hear from you, and, as always, if you have any queries about anything, please pop in to see me.

Thank you.

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