

# Inspiring Curriculum Newsletter

## Kestrels

Spring 2019



**Our Themes :**

**Spring 1: Scavengers and Settlers**

**Spring 2: Do you live round here?**

**Our Key Values:**

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



Welcome back to our Spring term Kestrels! I hope you have all had a lovely Christmas and New Year and are ready to start our new year. We are all very excited about our new topics this term and are looking to all of the fun activities we have planned.

### **English**

In Literacy, we are writing information texts such as guides and instruction leaflets. We will also be looking at poetry and creating persuasive texts. In our daily reading sessions, we will cover a range of skills and aim to expand our vocabulary. Spelling will be part of every lesson.

### **Mathematics**

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

### **Science**

In Science, we are studying Rocks and Animals, including Humans. We will be exploring different types of rocks and their properties, as well as looking at the digestive system and food chains.

### **R.E**

In R.E., we are learning about how Christians think about Salvation. We will look at Holy Week from different points of view

### **Computing**

In Computing, we are learning about how to stay safe when using the internet and studying the theme of 'We are Communicators' where we will be learning how to use email and how to attach documents. Emails will be sent to children in other Y3/4 classes only.

### **PSHE**

In PSHE, we are learning about 'Dreams and Goals' and 'Healthy Me' in our Jigsaw programme of work.

### **P.E**

With Mr Toothill, we will be completing activities in Netball and exploring Outdoor and Adventurous tasks.

## 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 themes are 'Scavengers and Settlers', and then 'Do you live round here?' after the half term holiday.

Our Entry day activities involve activities such as deciding where a settlement would be, how we would build a shelter and completing art using natural materials.

Our Exit day activity is a giant interactive timeline to show all the work from the Stone Age through to the Iron Age.

### **As Historians we will be finding out**

- how fossils are made
- where our ancestors settled and how they lived
- about life in a Stone Age village
- about life in the Bronze Age and the Iron Age
- about the different homes people have lived in

### **As Geographers we will be finding out**

- about home around the world
- about the ways different people live their lives around the world

### **In Technology we will be finding out**

- about the types of food the first farmers would have grown
- how to design and create a comfortable shelter

### **As Artists we will be finding out**

- how to design and create a prehistoric cave painting
- about folk art such as sand painting
- how designers and architects designed the world's cities

### **In International we will be finding out**

- about homes and habitats in different countries

## **Important Information**

As per the school homework policy which is available at [www.marketrasen.lincs.sch.uk](http://www.marketrasen.lincs.sch.uk) homework will be set on Thursday and returned on Monday.

Our PE days are Wednesday and Friday. Please ensure your child has the correct kit in school on both these days.

Please continue to encourage your child to read any night, and sign their Reading Record book when they do. The discussions about the text are the most important elements and they are very keen in class to talk.

I'm usually available to talk to you before and after school or you may wish to contact me through e-mail. If you have any concerns, please get in touch as soon as possible.

Kind regards,

***Victoria Woodgate***