

Year 5 – kestrels Summer 2 Curriculum Letter



The final half term – the children have had an excellent 2 terms going back in time and learning all about the Ancient Egyptians, the Ancient Greeks and Lost. They excelled themselves last half term by building their courage, determination and perseverance at Grafham Water and enjoyed going on their own Pilgrim's progress journey at our John Bunyan

In English, we will continue to build upon our sentences structure, grammar and spelling. We will be researching information about South America and turning our facts into information persuasive tourist leaflets and will then even create our own South American country and do the same. As well as this we will be studying the mysterious text 'The Water Tower' and writing our own mysteries.

In Maths, we will continue to develop our times table knowledge and practise our arithmetic skills. We have started learning about the properties of angles and measuring angles using a protractor which will be followed by identifying properties of shape, position and direction then finally volume and measure.

During our 'The New World' topic we will discover:

- In science, we will be continuing our topic 'Life cycles, reproduction, animals and their habitats' where we will be studying the life cycle of animals and humans. They will be learning anatomical names, diving deep into biology and will be linked to Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) where we will explore puberty in girls and boys following the Jig saw programme.
- In design and technology, we will be designing a bridge to cross a river and make a small scale model using dowelling and developing our mathematic and practical skills.
- In history and geography, we will explore how Christopher Columbus discovered America as well as the geographical features and land of America.

On Thursday afternoons Mrs Pottruff will be leading the sessions on Music, French and R.E.

- In music, Children will be enjoying our music room and will be using different instruments to compose music to show journeys over time and they effect of dramatic and calm music.
- In RE, children will continuing to study the journey of a religious person, their beliefs, their faith and how their impacts their choices they make in life. They will be developing they understanding of religions and developing a respect for others cultures.

Children must remember to bring in their **PE kits on WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY** where we will be doing rounders, athletics and some OAA activities. Please wear appropriate PE clothes and include hats for the warmer weather.

Homework: Children will receive spelling homework every Monday for a test on Fridays. On Fridays, children will receive English and Maths homework ready to be handed in on the following Friday, Children will be bringing their AR reading books home and encouraged to read at least 3 times a week.

If you have any queries on concerns, please don't hesitate to speak with me. I am always happy to discuss anything important to you and your child. I will also be available for drop-ins every other Wednesday afternoon from 3pm. We are ready and excited to dive into our new topic this term.

Mrs Humphrey