



Year 5 – kestrels Spring 2 Curriculum Letter

Kestrels had a fantastic Spring 1 Term learning all about Earth and Space and designing and building our Mars Rovers. This half term will be filled with even more excitement and adventure as our next topic is 'Pharaohs - Ancient Egypt', with a history focus looking at:

- Mummification and Canopic jars
- The history of the Pharaohs and Tutankhamun
- Egyptian Gods worshipped
- Designing and making Canopic jars from clay
- Exploring the geography of Egyptian and the Nile
- Trip to the Fitzwilliam Museum

As well as our main topic, we will also cover these areas:

In English, our theme of work will be around our topic of Ancient Egypt. We will be experimenting with new vocabulary (using thesauruses), writing instructions to mummify a body, a chronological report on Tutankhamun on the computer and Egyptian mystery play scripts.

In reading, we will be using a scheme called 'Vipers', diving deep into the text 'The Red Pyramid' by Rick Riordan, looking at vocabulary, inference, prediction, explain, retrieve and summarise. Please ensure that your child reads daily and this is recorded in the home/school diary.

In Maths, we will be following the National Curriculum Scheme White Rose, continuing to focus on Fractions. We will be learning a multiplication table each week and on a daily basis, it is so important that children have a rapid recall for their tables therefore Times table rock stars is encouraged each week at home.

In PE, we will be doing Lacrosse and Volleyball. Our PE days are Monday and Thursday. All children will need to bring appropriate trainers and if children have long hair, it must be tied and earrings taken out. *They will also need a warm sweatshirt and tracksuit bottoms for outside PE, and trainers in a plastic bag (they are going to get muddy!) Plimsolls are not suitable for outdoor activities. Please can the children have their indoor and outdoor kit in school every day.*

In History, we will be learning about the history of Egypt and the impact they made on our lives today. We will also explore Egyptian Gods and the Book of the Dead.

In Geography, we will be studying the changes to the River Nile over time and identifying geographical features in Egypt.

In D&T and Art, we will be looking at 3D modelling and building Canopic jars from clay as well as designing cartouches and Egyptian headdresses.

In Science, we will start investigating properties and changing materials, using scientific enquiry and new scientific vocabulary.

In ICT, we will be looking at 3D modelling.

In R.E, we will be exploring the question: 'What will make our community a more respectful place?'

In food Technology, we will be tasting and analysing Egyptian recipes food.

On Thursday afternoons, children will be taught French and Music by Mrs Potruff and PSHE with Mrs Collins:

In French, children will be developing their basic conversation skill and their knowledge of activities.

In music, children will be looking at Egyptian instruments and music.

In PSHE, we will be looking at 'healthy me' following the Jigsaw scheme of work.

If you have any queries or 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. I look forward to an exciting and engaging year of learning.

Mrs Humphrey