

## Year 5 – kestrels Summer 1 Curriculum Letter



**The final 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. Apart from our residential trip to Grafham Water, we are going to be exploring and learning about the life of John Bunyan and studying the text *A Pilgrim's Progress*.

**In English**, we will continue to build upon our sentences structure, grammar and spelling. We will be developing out sentences between complex sentences and short compound sentences for effect. After Grafham water, we will be writing a non-chronological report on our week's events, as well as completing our project on *The Pilgrim's Progress*.

**In Maths**, we will continue to develop our times table knowledge and our work on adding and subtracting decimal numbers. Following on, we will be understanding and interpreting the area and perimeter of compound shapes.

**During our 'Pilgrim's Progress' topic we will discover:**

- In science, we will be starting our new topic 'Life cycles and reproduction' where we will be studying the life cycle of animals and humans and how these reproduce and continue the life cycle. They will be learning anatomical names, diving deep into biology and will be linked to Personal, Social and healthy Education (PSHE).
- In art and design, we will be looking at and identifying features of stain glass windows and the meaning behind each image. Children will then take parts out of *A Pilgrim's Progress* to create their own stain-glass window.
- In history and geography, we will go back in time to discover what life was like for John Bunyan and what the town of Bedford was like in the 1600's using old and new maps to compare.

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 from the era of the 1600's as well as exploring and learning about composers from that time.
- In RE, children will be studying 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 indoor volleyball on Wednesdays and cricket outdoors on Fridays. 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