



Kestrel Class - Reception Summer Terms 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have a very busy term ahead.

There follows a brief outline of what we shall be covering within the seven areas of learning as we continue to work towards the Early Learning Goals.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development – we will be following the ‘Cambridge Personal Development Program’. We will be finding out about ‘Healthy and Safer Lifestyles’.

Communication and Language, and Literacy – we shall be continuing the ‘Letters and Sounds’ program of study for phonics. We shall be reviewing all the sounds we have learnt so far, practising reading and writing high frequency and tricky words, practising segmenting for spelling and blending for reading. We will be doing a variety of different writing to practise our writing skills. We shall be doing guided reading in small groups to develop reading skills and strategies. We would be grateful if you could read with your children at home and sign their reading record books so that we know to change their book.

Mathematics – we shall be doing lots of counting, reading, writing and ordering numbers up to 100. We shall be counting in 2’s, 5’s and 10’s. We shall be adding and taking away using number lines. We shall be working on our number bonds to 10 and doubling and halving numbers to at least 10. We shall be using our number and calculation strategies to solve a variety of problems. We shall be comparing length, weight and capacity, ordering three items by length or height and two items by weight or capacity. We shall be recognising, describing and naming 2D and 3D shapes. We will also be carrying out Maths Challenges to help develop our Critical Thinking Skills.

Understanding of the World – We will start the Summer terms with a topic on ‘Animal Lifecycles’, how animals grow and change (we will be watching live caterpillars grow and change and hopefully hatching some eggs). In our topic on ‘Growing Plants’ we will be trying to grow lots of different things and find out what they need to grow. We will then go on to a topic about Recycling; what we recycle and why and the environmental benefits. We shall be looking at the changes in the seasons in a mini topic on Summer. We shall also be doing a topic on Traditional Fairy Tales. We will finish off with a topic about Transport and Travel.

In R.E. we will be looking at Creation (Why is the word God so important to Christians?), Weddings, both Christian and non-Christian, Baptism and also looking at stories from the bible.

Physical Development – we will continue to do P.E. on Tuesdays and Fridays. We will be doing Gymnastics, Games and Ball Skills.

We will also be doing some May Day dancing around the May Pole.

We shall also be using our outside area to ride the bikes, build assault courses and practice our balancing, throwing and catching skills.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD HAS THEIR P.E. KIT IN SCHOOL EVERY DAY AND EARRINGS ARE REMOVED.

Expressive Art and Design – we shall be using a variety of media to produce pictures and paintings, using dough and junk for modelling. We will be experimenting with mixing paints using just primary colours. We shall be exploring the sounds different instruments make (and making our own instruments), copying simple rhythms and singing lots of songs.

We will continue with the 'Charanga' music scheme and we will be using 'Picture News' to explore our 'British Values'.

As the weather gets warmer I would be grateful if you could provide your child with a drink bottle filled with **water** (in addition to their lunch-time drink) which they can use during the day, these bottles can be re-filled at school but brought home each day to be washed.

Mrs. Hankins