

# Stanion C.E (Aided) Primary School



## Summer Terms 2024

### Reception - KESTREL CLASS

Dear Parents and Carers.

We have a very busy term ahead, and we are looking forward to some of our favourite outdoor activities, May Day, and Sports Day, let's hope we have some lovely summer weather. We also have some trips organised, to West Lodge Farm and Peterborough Cathedral.

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 'SCARF' program of study for PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education. We will be covering:

Growing and Changing:

Seasons

Life stages – plants, animals, and humans

Life stages – human life stage. Who will I be?

Where do babies come from?

Getting bigger

Me and my body – girls and boys

Being my best:

Bouncing back when things go wrong.

Yes, I can!

Healthy eating

My healthy mind

Move your body.

A good night's sleep.

**Communication and Language** – we shall be practicing our listening skills and responding to questions and instructions. There will be lots of opportunities to use our communication skills in small group and whole class sessions and through play activities. We will be working on maintaining our attention and concentration during directed and self-initiated activities. We will be developing our speaking skills through role play and group situations.

**Physical Development** – we will continue to do P.E. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We will be doing games, ball skills and tennis. These sessions will be outside if the weather is on our side.

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

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

**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD HAS THEIR P.E. KIT IN SCHOOL EVERYDAY. AND EAR-RINGS REMOVED.**

We will also be practicing our handwriting.

**Literacy** – we shall be continuing the 'Essential Letters and Sounds' program of study for phonics. We shall be reviewing all the sounds we have learnt so far, practicing 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:

- Understanding number: Teen numbers; 10 and some more and exploring numbers to 100
- Comparing and measuring: Measuring outside using non-standard units
- Addition and subtraction: Equivalence and number bonds to 10
- Shapes and sorting: Talking about 2D and 3D shapes, and sorting 2D and 3D according to their various properties.
- Time: Telling the time to o'clock and half past
- Patterns: Doubling and halving numbers and finding half of objects
- Number games: using all our maths skills to solve number games and puzzles.

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.

And 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 looking at stories from the bible.

**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 'Get Set 4 Music' scheme.

And we will be using 'Picture News' to explore our 'British Values'.

As the weather gets warmer, please could you make sure your child has 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.

If you would like your child to wear sunscreen please apply it before school, and we can re-apply it during the day if your child has their **own named bottle of sunscreen**. Please make sure your child has a sun hat or cap on sunny days.

If you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to speak to us.

Mrs. Hankins and Mrs Ettridge.  
Class Teachers