

# **Kestrels Class**



## **Curriculum Information - Spring Term 2025**

*Welcome back to the spring term!*

Over the course of this term, our over-arching topics will be 'Nurturing Nurses' and 'Let's go to China!' which will both be taught creatively across the curriculum.

### **English**

Our two class books for the spring term are: George's Marvellous Medicine by Roald Dahl and The Magic Paintbrush by Julia Donaldson. These texts will be used as a basis to inspire and generate written work across all three core units of writing (fiction, non-fiction and poetry).

### **Mathematics**

This term the areas of study will include addition & subtraction, multiplication & division, money, length & height, mass, capacity and temperature.

### **Science**

As part of our 'Scientists and Inventors' unit, the children will learn about the invention of the waterproof coat, the biomes at the Eden Project, the development of wind turbines and how this invention is used to generate power. They will also learn about how germs are spread and the effects of water pollution.

In the 'Animals Including Humans' unit, children will learn about how animals change as they grow up and they will be introduced to the life cycles of several varied common animals, including humans. The class will look in detail at how humans change as they grow older, drawing on their own observations. The unit ends with children looking at healthy lifestyles, including the importance of exercise, healthy eating and hygiene.

### **R.E.**

In the first half of the term, we will be investigating the question: 'Is it important to celebrate the New Year?' The children will discover that Jews, Muslims and Sikhs have different New Years. They will know that the New Year celebrated in the UK is not a religious festival and they will be able to talk about how it is celebrated. In addition, they will learn about the story of the creation of Adam and Eve and the sacrifice of Isaac.

During the second half of term, the children will explore the Easter Story and the key events of Holy Week: Palm Sunday, foot washing and the Passover Meal, Crucifixion and Resurrection.

### **Forest School**

Kestrels return to Forest School this half of term, and we will ensure everyone fully understands the need to dress for the weather, and how to keep warm when outdoors. Once out, we are looking forward to focusing on local birds ready for anyone doing the RSPB Great British Bird Watch in later January. We will bring some of our printing techniques from art classes outdoors and learn more about natural medicine and plants in the wild. With any luck, nettles might appear by our final sessions so we can try some health boosting tea!

### **Art**

For the first half of term the children will be learning about collage and will explore the work of Henri Matisse, Bridget Riley and Kurt Schwitters. After half-term, our topic will be printing and the children will learn about positive and negative stencils, and clay slab printing.

### **Design and Technology**

The Fabric Bunting unit will teach the class about working with fabric and how to use a graphics program to create a design and template. Working with felt, the children will use techniques such as sewing (using a simple running stitch), stapling and gluing to decorate their felt flag.

### **History**

In History, our topic is titled 'Nurturing Nurses'. In this unit, the children will learn about the influential nurses Florence Nightingale, Mary Seacole and Edith Cavell.

### **Geography**

The 'Let's go to China!' unit will teach the class about the geography of China by focusing on the main human and physical features of the country and extending children's knowledge of the world. Children will learn about the geographical similarities and differences between China and the United Kingdom and continue to build on their map skills using atlases, world maps and globes.

### **PSHE**

Our overarching topic this term is 'Living in the Wider World'. The learning will include three different areas: Belonging to a Community, Media Literacy & Digital Resilience, and Money & Work.

### **Music**

Year 2 will be studying music from around the world, focusing on music from China, Indonesia, Jamaica, Brazil and Portugal. We will be trying to create a class performance showing some of these musical styles.

### **Computing**

The 'Programming Turtle Logo and Scratch' unit will teach the class to create and debug algorithms. Our 'Using the Internet' lessons will introduce the children to using the Internet safely and with purpose. Children will be shown how to search the Internet; how to make sense of the returned results; how to follow links and return to the search results.

### **P.E.**

On Monday afternoons, Kestrels will be participating in an indoor Dance lesson. The focus of Friday's outdoor lessons will be Multi Skills Games.

### **Homework**

Homework will be set on a Monday and is due in the following Monday. Reading books and Reading records will continue to be taken home each night. The children are expected to read at home every day to an adult who should check their understanding of vocabulary and comprehension. Please encourage your child to complete their written homework in their best handwriting using pencil unless otherwise specified.

### **General**

Please remember to supply your child with appropriate clothing for the weather each day. We also encourage the children to drink lots of water throughout the day. Please ensure your child brings a water bottle labeled with their name to school each day. Library books will be changed once a week on Wednesdays.

If, at any point, you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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