

# Kestrel Class

## Autumn 1



Our topic this half term was called 'Lighting the Way'. We used the adventure-filled picture book *Journey* by Aaron Becker to inspire our own journey stories in English.

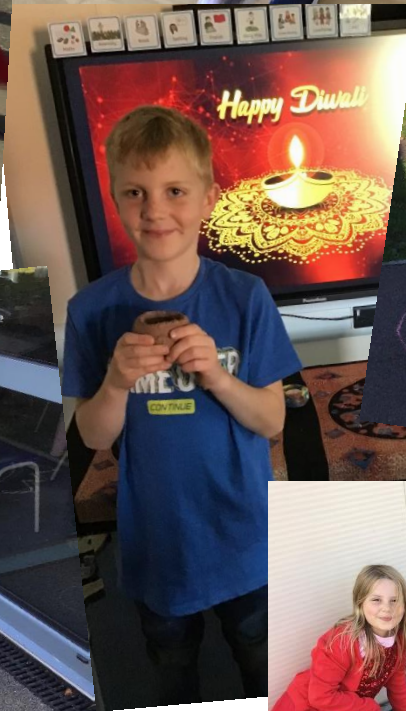
In science, we took part in lots of hands-on, enquiry-based science lessons to learn all about light and reflection.



We also found out about why light is symbolic in R.E. this term by learning about Hinduism and Diwali. We learned all about the first Diwali, and about how it is celebrated today. We made our own diya lamps by creating thumb pots and decorating them with bright colours.



At the end of term, we had our very own Diwali party as a celebration of our learning! We dressed up in bright colours, learned a traditional dance and created chalk rangoli patterns outside the classroom.





# Autumn 2

This half term, our topic was 'Healthy Heroes'. We received a letter from Agent Steel who wanted our help to make his superheroes fit and well again! We tasted different healthy foods and made pizzas in D.T., learned all about our bones and a healthy, balanced diet in science and wrote about all of this in a set of instructions in English. Agent Steel was so impressed that he made us all honorary superheroes!



Dear Kestrel Class,

I am writing to you in the strictest confidence on behalf of *Hero Agency*, the world's leading superhero group.

My name is Agent Steel and I am head of the agency. Our spy crafts and secret intelligence officers tell me that with the help of Miss Reeves you are going to be learning about what it takes to be healthy this half term.

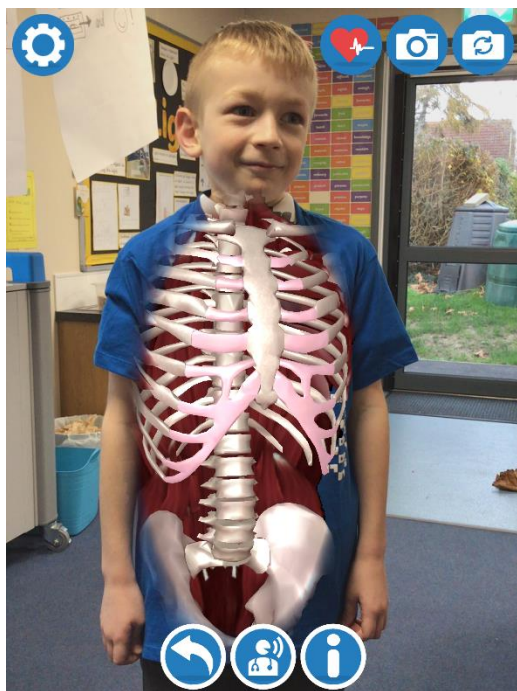
We have had some problems lately with some of our heroes becoming worn out very quickly, slowing down, and not being able to fit into their superhero clothing (which is actually very stretchy). I need your help to figure out exactly what we can do to stop our heroes ending up like this!

You will need to spend the next 6 weeks investigating food, exercise and human bodies so you can tell me exactly what we can do to ensure our superheroes become fit and healthy again. If you can do this, I promise to make you all honorary members of Hero Agency; giving you all superhero status.

First thing first, you will need to create yourself a superhero identity and complete the first level of your basic training. Miss Reeves will explain the next steps.

I will be in touch soon to check on your progress. Until we speak again, goodbye and good luck Harrier Class.

Agent Steel



We used an app called Curiscope to get inside our bodies and see our bones!

Some healthy foods were tastier than others!



We then chose our favourite ingredients for our pizzas, making sure they were balanced by including something from each food group.





# Spring 1

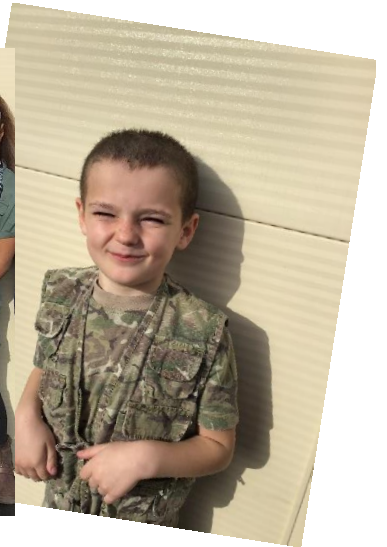
Our topic this half term was called 'Rise of the Robots'. Some of us were in school and some were at home but we all worked incredibly hard. We became news reporters to report on the arrival of the Iron Man and made some junk model robots!





# Spring 2

This half term, our topic was 'Rainforest Adventure' and our learning was linked to Brazil and the Amazon rainforest. We all dressed up as explorers on the final day of the half term. Our classroom turned into an aeroplane and we flew to Brazil!



We worked as groups to decide what we needed to pack for a journey through the rainforest, explored the country of Brazil by visiting some famous landmarks on Google Earth and got to taste some tropical fruits!







## Should we cut down the rainforest?

We wrote discussion texts in English this half term based on arguments for and against cutting down the rainforest. To help us understand the different viewpoints, we had a debate in the classroom.

In science this half term, we learned about plants. Here we are investigating how wind disperses seeds.



We visited Thorney Island Community Garden as part of our science learning too! We sketched different leaves, learnt about pollination and used magnifying glasses to identify parts of a flower.



# Summer 1



We learned all about Ancient Egypt this half term. We became historians on the first day and explored Tutankhamun's tomb to see what we could find out about Ancient Egyptian life.

We finished off the day with a mummy race!

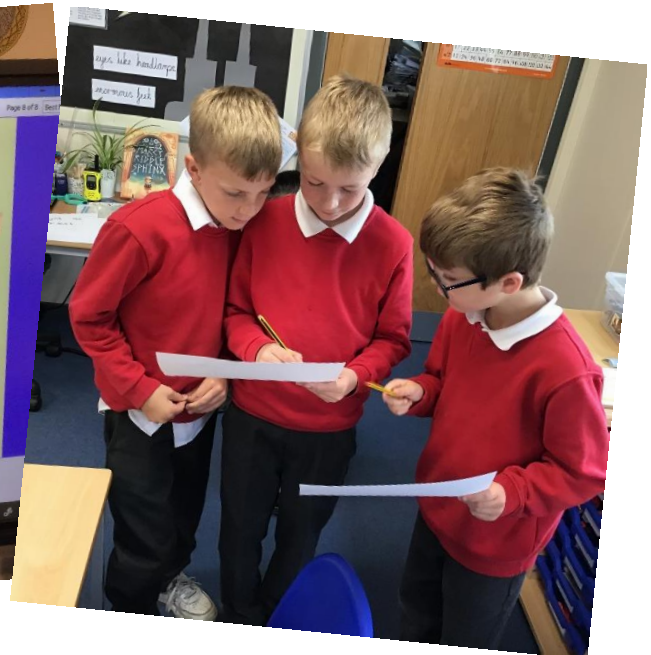
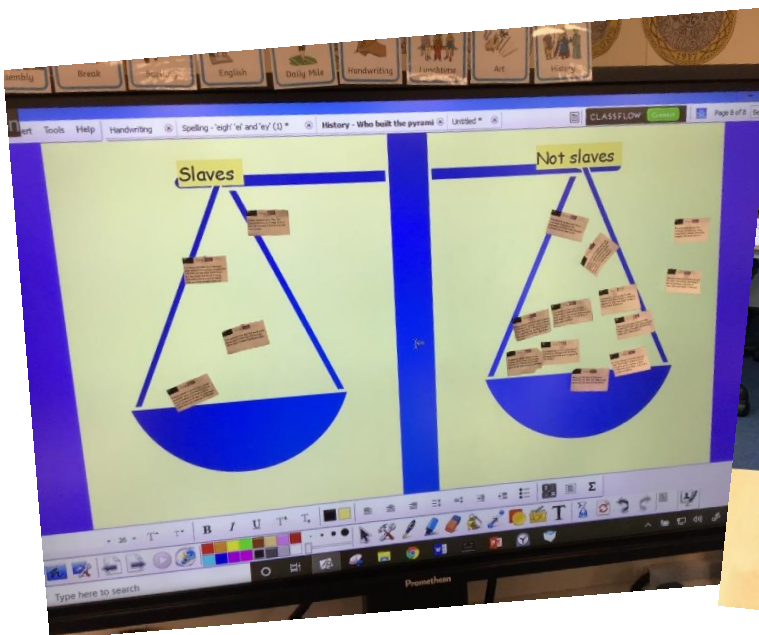






We made our own papyrus using PVA glue and strips of brown paper. It was a bit messy!

We spent one of our History lessons trying to answer the question: 'Who built the pyramids?' to find out if *The Prince of Egypt* film was historically accurate. We investigated different sources of evidence and eventually decided that it probably wasn't slaves who built the pyramids.



After school clubs were finally back! As a class, we voted to have a Lego Club and created some very imaginative things!





# Summer 2

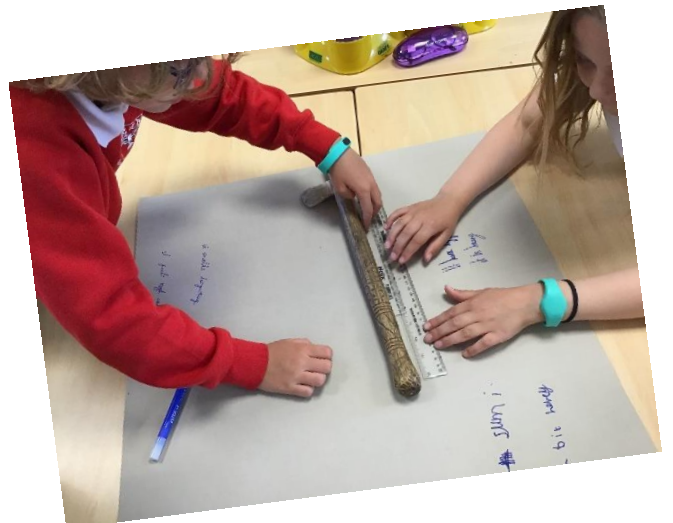


Our topic this half term was all about the Stone Age! We became hunter-gatherers to find out how Stone Age people lived and survived. We then created dinner menus from what we had hunted and gathered and made our very own Stone Age stew.



The stew got mixed reviews!

We handled some Stone Age artefacts in our History lessons. First, we found out everything we could about each one just by looking and feeling them, then we used this to decide what the artefacts told us about Stone Age life.





We visited Butser Ancient Farm and took part in a variety of fun activities!  
There was clunching, chalk carving and an archaeological excavation.  
We were very dirty by the end of the day!



The staff thought we were a  
'delight' so they even let us  
feed the animals as a treat before we left!