



# Kestrel Class Curriculum Letter



Summer Term 1 2021

During the first half of the Summer Term, we will be learning all about Ancient Egypt! Below is an outline of what we will be learning in a range of key subjects. I hope you find it useful when supporting your child with their learning.

## English



Our key text in English this half term is 'Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx' by Joe Todd-Stanton. This is an exciting adventure story which will be the inspiration for our own narrative writing. We will learn about the structure of an adventure narrative and key features that will help to hook our readers, including expanded noun phrases, fronted adverbials and direct speech.

## Maths

This half term we will be covering:

- Fractions - Using our fantastic understanding of unit and non-unit fractions, we will be comparing, ordering, adding and subtracting fractions.
- Time - This will include telling the time to o'clock, half past, quarter past/to, 5 minutes and 1 minute.

**You can help at home by:**

Encouraging your child to practise telling the time to the nearest minute on an analogue clock and discussing how long until different events throughout the day.

**Useful websites:**

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/time/teaching-clock>

## Computing

We will be using Scratch on the laptops this half term to create the story of 'Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx' (our key text).

## History and Geography

A lot of our learning this half term will be history and geography based. In history, we will take on a variety of enquiries and examine different sources of evidence to find out about the daily life of Ancient Egyptians. In our geography lessons, we will be finding out about Egypt's human and physical geographical features. We will explore the importance of the River Nile in both ancient and modern Egypt.

**Useful websites:**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zg87xnb>

## French

Mrs Day will be teaching shapes and colours in French this half term as well as recapping previous topics. Ask your child to show you what they know!

## Art and Design Technology

In our art lessons, we will be working with clay to design, make and paint a coil pot and a lid in the style of an Ancient Egyptian Canopic jar.

In Design Technology, we will be learning to use a saw safely and cutting and joining wood to create an Ancient Egyptian shaduf!

## RE

This half term, we will be learning more about Hindu beliefs. We will explore the idea of Brahman and some key Hindu Gods then compare this to Christian beliefs.

## Homework and Spellings

A 'homework menu' will be sent home with your child with a choice of tasks to complete over the half term. Please continue to read with your child and provide opportunities to practise times tables and spellings. There will continue to be a weekly spelling test every Thursday, set on Spelling Frame.

## PE

PE will continue to be on Mondays and Thursdays and will be outside this half term. We will be developing fundamental movement skills, such as running, throwing and jumping, through athletics and cricket.