



## Kestrels Curriculum Newsletter

### At the Seaside

#### Unit 5

#### Mathematics



The children will complete their learning on measurement thinking about calculations involving volume, capacity and temperature. They will begin a new unit of learning on fractions, revisiting their learning from Year 1 they will recognise and find  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{1}{4}$ . They will begin to recognise and find a third. The children will look at unit fractions and non-unit fractions, recognise the equivalence of a half and two quarters. They will find three quarters and learn to count in fractions up to a whole. They will continue to use Numbots to support their fluency development.

#### English



**Writing-** The children will explore writing a description, a diary entry, a persuasive letter and explore a piece of poetry by Kate Wakeling.

**Spelling**— will be taught daily using the Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Spelling programme.

**Reading**— will be taught daily a whole class. In addition to this children will have the opportunity to read 1:1 with a n adult in school too. During the whole class reading sessions we will look at the skills of reading including: understanding vocabulary, inference, retrieval sequencing and prediction.

**Home reading books** — Changed every **Thursday**

**Library books**— Changed every **Thursday**



#### Computing

The children will explore how music can make them think and feel. They will make patterns and use those patterns to make music with both percussion instruments and digital tools. They will create different rhythms and tunes and compare creating music digitally and non-digitally.

#### PSHE

Children will learn about keeping safe in the home, including fire safety. They will consider how to keep themselves safe outside. The children will learn about road safety so that they can identify hazards and explain how to cross the road safely, including recognising that there are rules in relation to road safety for all road users.



#### RE

The children will be introduced to different faith stories for both Christians and Muslims. They will discuss the meaning and importance of the stories for those religious groups. From these stories the children will identify what the stories say to believers about how they should lead their lives.

#### Art



The children will be encouraged to use their imaginations to transform a familiar object into new forms. The children will think about how to use materials to create a small sculpture inspired by Guatemalan Worry Dolls.

#### Geography



The children will understand and describe what a beach holiday is like. They will be able to name and locate popular seaside locations in the United Kingdom. They will know about the variety of sea creatures found at the seaside. They will begin to understand how Britain's railways and roads have changed the way people go on holiday and will visit Llandudno to explore a seaside town.

#### Science

Children will identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses. They will find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.

#### Key Dates for Kestrels



**Wednesday 17th April** – Year 2 Trip to Llandudno (arrive at school for 7:30am)

**Monday 29th April** – Indian and Irish Dancing Workshops (all classes) International Day of Dance Thursday **2nd May – Inset Day (School Closed to pupils)**

**Friday 3rd May** – Maypole Dancing Workshop (all classes)

**Tuesday 7th May** – Tempest vista class photos.

**Monday 20th May – Friday 24th May** – Walk to School Week

**Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May – Whitsun Half Term**

**Friday 7th June** – Level 1 Scootability (all classes)

**Monday 10th – Friday 14th June** – Phonics Screening Week

**Monday 17th June** – Skipping Workshop (all classes)

**Monday 1st July** – Year 2 Trip to the Midland Air Museum

**Wednesday 3rd July** – Level 2 Scootability (all classes)

**Monday 15th July** – Sports Day – Exact time to be confirmed

**Wednesday 17th July** – Transition Day

**Thursday 18th July** – Summer Disco – 4:30-5:30pm

#### Physical Education (PE)

P.E lessons will be on a **Tuesday** and a **Wednesday**. Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school; labelled with their name to help when changing. Earrings should be removed and hair tied back. PE kits will be sent home at the end of each half term for washing. We will be further developing skills in tri-golf for our outside PE learning during this unit and learning to dance with the theme of under the sea for our indoor PE lessons.

#### Staffing in Kestrels



Mrs A Free – Monday – Friday

Mrs S Garrett – Monday - Friday

Mrs N Horlor – Monday afternoons



Forest School Sessions are a **Monday** with Miss Garrett.

Your child will need to bring a named pair of wellies and puddle suit/ waterproof trousers/coat **every Monday**.

#### How you can support your child at home



Please listen to your child read daily and share books with them to help foster a love of reading.