



# MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU



Dear Parents,

This half term our topic is called 'May The Force Be With You' and will be full of opportunities for your child to test and apply their scientific knowledge as we explore forces and technology across many different subjects. Provided below is an outline of what the children will be learning in some key subjects. I hope you find it useful when supporting your child with their learning.

## English

We will read and study the story of 'The Iron Man'. We will be learning how to use description to make our writing more exciting and build suspense! We will also be writing newspaper reports based on the story of the Space-Bat-Angel-Dragon's attack on Earth!

You can help your child at home by:

Spotting any interesting word choices or phrases the author uses in your child's home reading book. Encouraging your child to 'read as a writer' which means to understand why the author has used a particular writing style or vocabulary.

Discuss with your child: How has the author made the story interesting and exciting? What adjectives have they used? What sentence openers have they used? Can you spot any similes? How do adjectives and similes help us to understand the story?

## Maths

Over the next half term, we will be:

- Using and applying our knowledge of money.
- Learning how to interpret and use data shown in a variety of different ways including graphs, charts and tables.
- Continuing to apply our place value and addition and subtraction skills to a variety of different problems.

You can help at home by:

- Practising times tables with your child whenever possible.
- Providing opportunities to use and deal with money.

## PE

Our PE focus this half term is Gymnastics and will be indoors. Can I remind parents that PE kit should be in school at all times. When children do not have their P.E. kit learning time is lost and they can often be embarrassed. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school and that it is clearly labelled.

## Design Technology

We will be investigating, designing and creating our very own rockets!

**Please send your child in with an empty 2 litre bottle which they can use for this.**

## Reading Awards

At the end of this half term I will be giving out prizes to the children who have read the most in Kestrel Class. *Your child should be reading with an adult as often as possible, even if it is only 2 or 3 pages.* Please ensure their reading record is signed every time an adult hears them read or it will not be counted towards the reading award.

## Homework & Spellings

Homework will be set on the first Monday back and will take the format of a homework menu, similar to that set last term.

Spellings will be set every Friday and tested every Thursday afternoon.

## **Some useful websites...**

<https://www.theschoolrun.com/what-are-magnets>

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/articles/zpvcrdm>

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/physical\\_processes/magnet\\_springs/read/1/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/physical_processes/magnet_springs/read/1/)