



# Kestrel Class

## Curriculum Letter

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# JOURNEY...

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Kestrel Class! During the first half term our topic will be 'Journey', based around the adventure filled picture book by Aaron Becker! This will take your child on a journey through magical lands and into the worlds of the many fairy tales that children know and love. 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.

Mr Stamp & Mrs Hearn ☺

### English

We will be learning about magical stories and comparing their features and the language used within them. We will then be writing our own journey stories using ideas from our imagination and the many books we will read together throughout the half-term!

#### You can help your child at home by:

Reading fairy tales/traditional stories with them.  
Discussing similarities between fairy tales e.g. good/bad characters, settings and any interesting language choices made by the author. You could also discuss how a character might be feeling during different parts of the story and why they feel that way.

### Maths

In the first half term we will be covering:

- Adding and subtracting using 1, 2 and 3-digit numbers
- Place value
- Comparing and ordering numbers

As well as reminding ourselves of all we learned in Year 2.

#### You can help at home by:

Providing opportunities to practise addition and subtraction and talking about the place value of numbers e.g. How many tens in 67? Encouraging your child to tell you about what they have been learning in school.

### PE

PE is going to be outdoors this half term. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school **at all times**, including suitable footwear that it is clearly **labelled**.

### Science

We will be learning about light, how it travels, how shadows are formed and the power of the sun through lots of hands on experimentation!

### Fruit at Playtimes

Now that your child is in Year 3 they are no longer provided with a snack at morning playtime. If your child wishes to have a snack at this time please provide a piece of fruit for them which they can put in their tray in the morning.

### 😊😊😊 Parent Helpers 😊😊😊

Parent helpers are warmly welcomed into Kestrel Class. Reading regularly is crucial to ensure children make the essential progress they all need to make. If there are any parents or guardians that can spare an hour or two a week to come and hear the children in Kestrel Class read, it would really be appreciated.

### Homework & Spellings

Spellings will be sent home every Friday and tested the following Thursday.

A homework menu will be sent home with your child, with a choice of tasks to complete over the half term. This will be explained in more detail at the upcoming parents meeting.