

## Kestrels Class Curriculum News: Autumn Term 2 2018-2019

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back! I hope that you have had a great half term break and you and your children are ready for a long and busy term leading up to Christmas. We have lots of exciting opportunities planned for the term ahead, including furthering our links with the Corby Cube theatre.

Below you will find information relating to our curriculum this term, as well as important reminders about the class which I hope you will find helpful. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to come and see me or jot a note in the blue book.

### PE

Our PE sessions this term are on Tuesday (indoor athletics) and Thursday (hockey), so please make sure that PE kit is in school on these days, including trainers for both sessions and warm kit (tracksuit bottoms and a sweatshirt that is not their ordinary school sweatshirt). Occasionally PE days have to be swapped, so it is helpful if kit is in school every day.

### Homework

- Learning log – set on alternate Fridays to be handed in on the second Tuesday. In light of the increased curriculum expectations and the age of the children, learning log tasks will be more structured, with an English / Topic focus based on what we are learning about in class. Your child will have brought home a selection of ideas for their learning log today, which they can choose from for each of the tasks this term.
- Spellings – set weekly for a test on FRIDAY. Please make sure that spelling folders are in school on Fridays and that spellings have been practised.
- Times tables test (the 'Deadly 60') will take place on a FRIDAY morning. Maths tasks will be sent home weekly. **Please ensure that some time is given to these maths tasks, which are designed to reinforce basic skills. They should be initialled by a parent to show that they have been done.**

Regular reading (**at least** 3 times a week) should be recorded in the blue home school book. Homework is really important for reinforcing learning in school, teaching independence and preparing pupils for the transition to secondary school. Your support in ensuring that homework is completed to an acceptable standard and on time is appreciated.

### Reminders

- Please ensure that your child has a water bottle in school every day to keep in the classroom so they can have regular drinks during the day.
- Blue books are checked and signed on a Monday, but should be in school every day. Any messages should be passed to me directly.
- Please check the newsletter and / or school website for important dates.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Rachel Sida

Kestrels Class Teacher

