



KESTREL

CLASS



NEWSLETTER

Welcome...

It is pleasing to see that Kestrel Class have returned to school this week, looking extremely smart and ready to learn.

My name is Mrs Fowler-Simpson and I am the class teacher for Kestrel class, this year.

I was pleased to be in contact with most of you during the Summer Term, and I look forward to meeting you all in person, even if, from a distance, over the next few weeks.

Whilst I realise things are a bit different at the moment, please feel free to have a chat with me at the classroom door, should you need anything!

Maths:

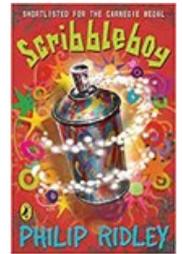
We will be learning to identify the place value of digits in numbers up to one million, putting this into practice by solving problems. We will count in powers of ten and round numbers to the nearest thousand, ten thousand, hundred thousand and one million. We will also learn about Roman Numerals.

Later on in the term, we will learn to add and subtract numbers, up to one million (including adding and subtracting decimals). We will apply this to problem solving too!

We will multiply and divide larger numbers, as well as developing our understanding of prime numbers, prime factors, common factors and numbers which are squared (²) and cubed (³).

English:

We are going to find out about the legend of 'Scribbleboy', through reading Ridley's exciting book. We will write descriptions of the characters and settings from the information, which we can find within the book, before writing persuasive letters about joining the Scribbleboy Fan Club.



Later, we will write diary entries from the Bailey's point of view, as he finds out who the real Scribbleboy is!

Finally, we will write our own legends in the style of Philip Ridley's *ScribbleBoy*.

Timetable for the Week

English and Maths are taught every day.

Monday – Mrs Fowler-Simpson will be out for the afternoon today. Kestrels will be taught by Mrs King and Mr Morris.

Tuesday – PE today. Children should wear PE kits today please.

Wednesday – Mrs Fowler-Simpson will be out for the afternoon today. Kestrels will be taught by Mrs Mott.

Thursday – PE today. Children should wear PE kits today please.

Topics



Our current topic is Scintillating Solar System. We know that when we look up at our sky, we will see the Sun, the Moon and the stars. We take them for granted. But what is in our Solar System? How does it affect the Earth? How do we know? Astronomy, like all sciences, is about asking questions.

By becoming Space explorers, we can find out more about our Solar System and the deeper mysteries of the universe, drawing on the findings of scientists from the past.

We will find out about the planets and how they move through the Solar System, why we experience both day and night, and why the moon appears to change over time. We will experiment with building a space rover and listening to music which represents the planets.

Ways that you can help your child at home this half term:

To help support your child over the next half term, it would be greatly appreciated if you could ensure that you;

- hear your child read regularly.
- practice their weekly spellings.
- help your child to learn their multiplication tables and help them increase their speed in reciting them.
- support your child with their weekly home learning.

You could also;

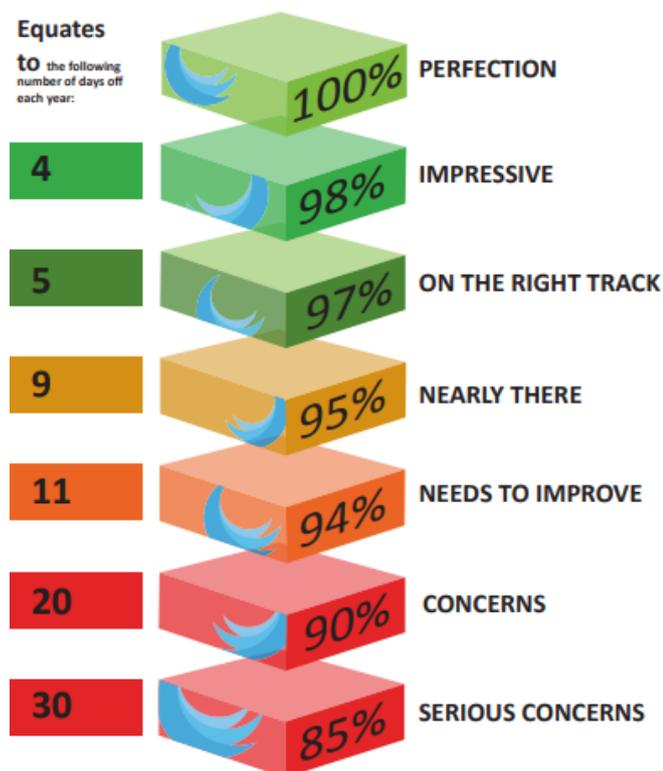
- encourage your child to read the time.
- cook, allowing your child to measure the ingredients.
- take your child shopping and ask them to add the amount of money being spent, they could even write the shopping list before going!

Attendance:

This year, we are continuing to strive for our whole school attendance to meet our target of 97%. Remember that children, who have 100% by the end of the half term, will receive their gold

Equates

to the following number of days off each year:



Beck Row Values.

As visitors enter the academy, they will see Beck Row Bob on display inside the entrance.



Bob likes to tell us about the values which we believe are important to our pupils development, as a whole-individual.

Our over-arching values are thoughtfulness, morality, respect, co-operation and ambition. These are shared through our assemblies as well as the displays in our classrooms and around school.

Furthermore, we praise the children for using these values throughout their time within the academy and award 'Dojo' points to the children for their efforts in showing these values. These 'Dojos', not only work towards small prizes for individual pupils, but also for their class and house teams.

In line with this, we have renamed our houses. All children will now be in one of the five houses;



Bell (blue),
Branson (green),
Wilde (yellow),
Bissell (red) or
Dali (purple).

This half-term's focus value is **thoughtfulness**.