



# KESTREL

## CLASS



# NEWSLETTER

## Welcome...

I hope you have all had an enjoyable and restful half-term break.

I am really pleased to say how well all of the children in Kestrel Class have settled into academy life after such a long break at the end of the last academic year.

We are all looking forward to our continued learning journey over the coming half-term where we will be introduced to lots of new and exciting skills and knowledge.

We are pleased to have Miss Grimwood join us for the remainder of the term as she continues her teacher training.

*Mrs Fowler-Simpson*

### Maths:

We will be learning to work with fractions and decimals including; finding equivalent fractions, comparing and ordering fractions and decimals, adding and subtraction fractions and converting mixed numbers into fractions.

We will also be developing our understanding of 3-D shapes by recognising their properties including; the shapes that make them up and the angles which are part of them.

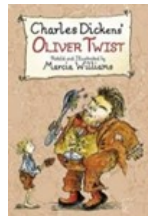
Whilst working with measurements, we will be converting measures into both metric and imperial measurements as well as finding the area and perimeter of shapes.

Finally, we will look at presenting data in graphs and tables whilst completing work around statistics.

### English:

We are very lucky to be reading some excellent texts this half-term which also link to our topic-based learning.

We will start by reading the story of *Oliver Twist* (by Marcia Williams) whilst using Dickens' version to extend our learning. We will be thinking in depth about how the authors have described characters and then moving on to create film narratives.



Following this, we will write setting descriptions, reports and stories with historical settings based around Berlie Doherty's *Street Child* as she tells the story of Jim and the finding of the charity 'Barnardos'.

## Timetable for the Week

*English and Maths are taught every day.*

**Monday** – Kestrels will be taught by Mrs King in the afternoon.

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

**Wednesday** – PE today. Children should wear PE kits today please.

*During the afternoons, Mrs Fowler-Simpson may be unable to teach during this half-term. Kestrel Class may, therefore, be taught by some of the academy's Teaching Assistants.*

# Topics



This half-term, our topic is Vile Victorians.

The Victorians were the people who lived during the reign of Queen Victoria, from the 20 June 1837 until the date of her death on the 22 January 1901. It was an era of exciting discoveries, inventions and exploration following the Industrial Revolution.

We will explore how Britain's empire grew and changed as a result of the Industrial Revolution, discovering how this impacted the life of all people during the Victorian Era. We will investigate the lives of children during the time; including those within our locality.

## 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;

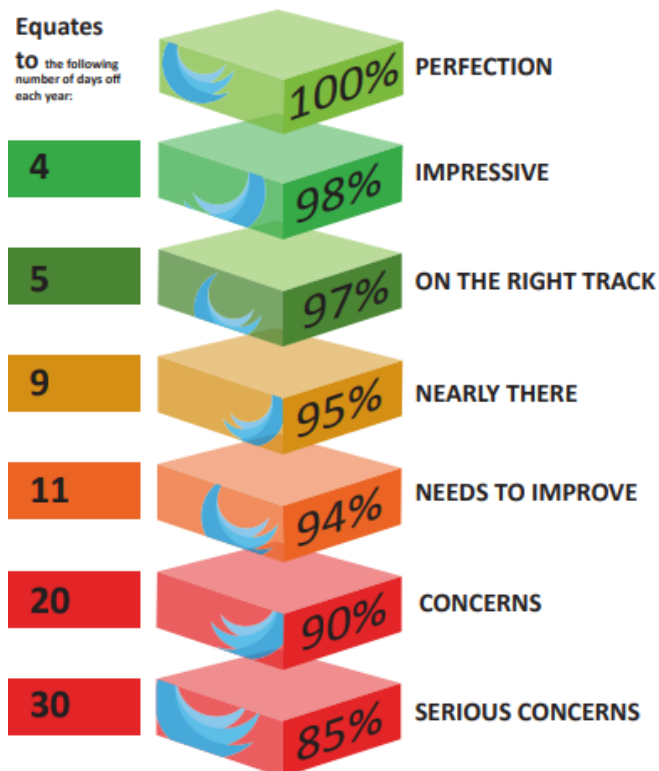
- encourage your child to read the time.
- cook, allowing your child to measure the ingredients.
- take your child shopping and ask them to add the amount of money being spent, they could even write the shopping list before going!

## 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 **co-operation**.