



# Kestrels

## Class News

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### Make It Move- Let's Go!

Kestrels have had a super start to Autumn term! We have been busy settling in, making new friends and working really hard. Our topic is all about things that move.

#### Buckfastleigh Steam Train

On Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September we visited Buckfastleigh Steam Train. We took the steam train on a return journey from Buckfastleigh to Totnes. We were really lucky with the weather and got to enjoy lovely views from the steam train and a picnic lunch when we arrived at Totnes.



#### Literacy

We used our trip to Buckfastleigh Steam Train to write a terrific recount of our day. We included lots of time adverbials, for example, "First we went on a coach which took us to Buckfastleigh. Then we got off to have look at the old steam train."

Currently we are looking at the story of Mr Gumpy's Outing by John Burningham. We really enjoyed making a story map to help us learn the story. This helped us to retell the story with lots of detail. We are now moving on to writing our own stories based upon Mr Gumpy's Outing.



#### Maths

We have been looking at place value and knowing how many tens and ones are in different numbers. We have been using lots of different resources to help us.



We have been using the outdoor area to help us embed our maths skills like collecting objects, counting and comparing quantities using the crocodile sign.



We have also been practising our addition and subtraction and have got really good at noticing patterns when we add or subtract 1 or 10 from numbers.

#### Science

In science we have been learning about how to make things move. We started by looking at pivots and levers - here we are having a go.



Linking with our DT topic, we also designed and built some wheeled models. We turned the boxes we brought from home into vehicles that move; we did this by adding axles and wheels. To finish the models off we painted them.

#### Reading

We have been promoting reading this term. The children are enjoying the reading challenge and receiving their certificates. Some children are working towards reading 20 books - well done to them! Please remember to write in your child's journal to let us know when they have read a book. We have made lots of opportunities throughout the school day for reading, including DEAR time (Drop Everything And Read). We choose a book to read and we can read it anywhere we like. We have also been enjoying stories in different places. Here we are enjoying a story in the yurt.

