



Kingfisher's Spring Newsletter

Dear Parents,

We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year's break. In Kingfishers Mrs Thompson will be teaching on a Monday, Tuesday and a Wednesday afternoon with Miss Ellis teaching on a Wednesday morning Thursday and a Friday. We are delighted to have Mrs McGregor and Mrs Tuma working alongside us as teaching assistants all week and Mrs Holgate will continue her excellent work with the children in Art, D&T, ICT and R.E. on a Wednesday and Friday.

Kingfishers will be working on the following areas of the curriculum this term:

Literacy: We will continue to teach Literacy through Talk 4 Writing which will build on work already covered. All lessons will link to our phonic work with decoding and encoding therefore developing their writing skills alongside the reading and writing of key high frequency words.

The first half term will see the children focussing on reading and writing fables.

Reading:

Accelerated reader;

Please remember to record in their reading record when a book has been completed so we know when they are ready to be tested. Please talk to your child about what they have read to ensure they have understood a text before they do a test as we do expect a pass mark of 80%. If they do not achieve this they will be asked to reread a book and take the test again.

Accelerated Reader tests will take place twice a week and if we can fit it in, three times a week.

General reading:

In school, children will take part in shared reading activities to learn and practise key reading skills. Please continue to hear your child read for 10 minutes every day to help build their confidences, fluency and understanding of a text. Please record when you have heard your child read in their reading records. Do not worry if there is not a daily record or comment in their books, the emphasis is placed on class reading in many differing formats.

Maths: The children will continue to be taught through the maths mastery approach, developing skills through fluency, problem solving and reasoning. We will also be covering the age appropriate areas of Numbers, Calculation, Shape, Number Problems and Number Sentences in line with the National Curriculum.

Literacy Homework:

Spellings will continue to be our focus for literacy homework, please encourage your child to use their words in sentences while they are practising.

Spelling tests will continue to take place between **Wednesday and Friday** and new spellings sent out by **Friday**.

Maths Homework:

All Maths homework for year 1 and year 2 will be linked to what has been taught that week. Sometimes it will be in a Maths Booklet and sometimes a sheet stuck in a Maths Homework book. On the front of the Maths booklet will be a dated sticky label detailing which pages of the book to complete. Please only work through the pages stated as we want to keep Maths homework relevant to classwork.

Topics: This half term we will be focussing on:

History:

- Houses and Homes

Science:

- Everyday Materials

P.E: All children should have **named** P.E. kit and trainers in school at all times containing kit for both indoors and outdoors. Trainers are needed daily at Playtime and Lunchtime. (Additionally whilst talking about clothing please send your child to school with a sun hat or wellies for use in school)

Home Communication Booklet:

Please ensure that the above booklet is returned to school each day so that we can add to it as required and read any relevant comments you may wish to share.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Thompson, Miss Ellis, Mrs McGregor and Mrs Tuma