

Kingfishers - September 2025.

Dear Parents

Welcome back to a new school year. The new Kingfishers Class has settled in admirably well, and all are already showing a keen appetite for learning. Below is an outline of what we will be covering in the weeks ahead.



Literacy

This term we will be learning how to write myths and legends based upon our History Topic for this term, Ancient Greece. We will also be writing non-fiction texts that will link to our topics in Science and Geography. It is important that children grasp the technical side of writing as well as the creative aspect to become proficient writers in all genres of writing, and as such we are revising and expanding the children's understanding of sentence types and structure.

We have dedicated personal reading times each day in class. Your child has been set a reading target based on the Accelerated Reader (AR) scheme which allows us to monitor and direct each child's reading to help them achieve the best possible progress. I have set a daily home reading target for every member of the class of 30 minutes. Please do try to listen to your child reading each day for a few minutes and talk to them about what they have read.

Numeracy

The children will be working within year groups through the following units throughout the term:

- Place Value
- Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication, Division
- Revision of times tables and associated number facts
- Fractions
- BIDMAS

A secure knowledge of all their times tables up to 12 is obviously extremely beneficial. Please continue to encourage your child to make use of their Times Tables Rock Stars.

Topic

The children will be learning about the history and geography of Ancient Greece this term. This will involve helping to understanding how the topography of Greece helped shape and influence the development of culture and politics in Greece.

French

This term we will learn about how to use different forms of verbs to do or play sports or express preferences. We will also learn about different countries names and explore how to use the verb "aller" - to go.



Art / DT

Our Art this term will be focusing on typography, learning how the styling of different fonts and characters can be used to enhance our reading experience.

RE

This term we will be exploring creation stories in different religions comparing similarities and differences and looking at our school value of Creativity.

We will be studying Judaism, looking at Jewish Festivals- Bar and Bat Mitzvah, Yom Kippur and Shabbat. We will also be finding out about Abraham and the importance of the Torah to followers of the Jewish faith.

RSHE

Our two Units this term are called "Being me in my World" and "Celebrating difference". These units will focus on the children exploring how they see themselves in their community and the fact that we are all unique and that is something to be valued.

Science

This term the children will be learning properties of different materials. After the half-term break, we will be learning about Living things and their Habitats.

ICT

ICT will be taught on Thursday afternoons. This term we will focus on how we use the internet and e-safety. We will also be creating a PowerPoint about the Ancient Greece.



PE

Our PE session this year will be on Tuesday afternoons. Children should therefore come to school on Tuesdays wearing their PE kit. In PE this term the children will be playing Tag Rugby, with a focus on how to effectively tag opposing players and basic offensive and defensive formations. After the half-term we will focus on Sports-Hall Athletics. Please ensure that any long hair is tied back and that no jewelry is worn for PE.

Homework

Homework will be set each Monday, to be handed in on Friday of the same week, except for spellings, which should be returned the following Monday. Numeracy and SPAG will be set for Y6, and Numeracy for Y5. In addition, your child should be reading at home for at least 30 minutes each day, which can be recorded in their reading diary.

Kind regards,

Mr O'Donoghue