



Kingfishers Newsletter – Summer Term 2024

Dear Parents/carers,

Welcome back to the Summer Term. I hope that you have all had a wonderful Easter and are looking forward to a full term ahead! We have many exciting upcoming events, such as SATs week, the KS2 production and the Year 6 residential.

This term our Topic will be ***The Victorians***. We will be learning about Queen Elizabeth, daily life for Victorians and how the world has changed through the Industrial Revolution.

PE is still on Thursday and Friday afternoons. ***So, Children will need to come to school in PE kit on Thursday and Friday.*** Mr Hawley will continue to teach the class on Monday and Wednesday mornings.

Homework:

The homework grid includes a variety of tasks based on our topic and the children can choose which ones they would like to complete (the amount they choose to do is up to you as the tasks vary in length). The children should have their homework book to complete the tasks in and KS2 children all have reading and homework records to keep a record of their homework in. Every piece of homework or extra work they complete should be recorded in this with the date and ideally a small comment about how they found it. We will share, celebrate, and give feedback to children on the **week before half-term** (please do not bring it in before then).

As well as the topic-based homework grid, on a Monday, students will often have a **weekly task** that is relevant to their learning that week to be completed by the following Monday. This half-term the homework will be focused mainly on SATs revision. This can also be completed in their homework book and should be **recorded in their homework record** so that I can monitor their engagement. The homework record should include the date, work completed and how they found the task. It is important that children are reinforcing their learning at home as much as possible, especially as the year 6s have the SATS in May. This is also important preparation for the homework expectations in secondary school.

It is important that children are **reading every evening at home** (for about 15 minutes) and this should be logged in their reading record. This does not need to be reading to you every night and if your child is a confident reader you may sign to say they have read by themselves. The reading records will be checked every Friday, and we would expect to see a minimum of 4 adult signatures across the week. There is an incentive of an extra 10 minutes play time for this. Please include any relevant comments, if necessary, that we will read. **Please ensure their reading record and book is in school on Friday.** Spellings will still be completed throughout the week and will be given to children to take home on a Monday, ready to be tested on a Friday.

Finally, we are encouraging children to practice on **Times Table Rockstars**, as often as possible, as TT Rockstars helps to improve children's fluency and speed in their times tables. Having this secure knowledge and speed will be hugely beneficial to their progress in Mathematics.

Children may also continue to bring in their own pencil case, however, please ensure these are a **suitable size** for the classroom. These only need a pencil, rubber, sharpener, ruler, and colouring

pencils. These can easily escalate and become a distraction if students have too many unnecessary things in their pencil cases, so please check this before the start of term.

SATs:

KS2 SATs 2024 will take place in the week commencing Monday 13th May. The tests happen over four days. The results are typically released at the end of the summer term (July). As the SATs are only four weeks away, the homework will be focused on revision. SATs papers and mark schemes are available for anyone who wishes to take them home to look at or to practice with their children. We are happy to provide them for you, or you can access all the previous SATs papers and mark schemes online: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-curriculum-assessments-practice-materials>

Monday (13th): Punctuation and Grammar Test (45 mins) Spelling test (15 mins)

Tuesday (14th): Reading Test (60 mins)

Wednesday (15th): Maths Paper 1: Arithmetic (30 mins) and Maths Paper 2: Reasoning (40 mins)

Thursday (16th): Maths Paper 3: Reasoning (40 mins)

If you have any questions or concerns, I will be in the playground every day after school to help. Alternatively, I am always happy to meet to have a discussion, please contact the office if you would like to arrange this.

I'm looking forward to another fantastic and productive term.

Kindest Regards,
Miss Rowe

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<i>Topic</i>	<i>Victorians</i>
English	Discussion Text- Workhouses Historical Fiction- Victorians Persuasive Text- Visit London Victorian Mystery <u>Main Texts:</u> A Christmas Carol- Charles Dickens
Maths	Position and Direction Properties of Shape Statistics SATs Revision
Science	Living Things and their Habitats Animals including Humans
Geography	London
RE	How do different religions explain the suffering in the world

	What does it mean to be human? Is being happy the greatest purpose in life?
Computing	Creating Media Internet Safety
Art	Architecture- Norman Foster and Zaha Hadid
PSHE	Being my Best Growing and Changing
PE	Rounders Athletics Tennis
French	Numbers Families Phonics
Music	Performance