



## Kingfishers Newsletter – Spring Term 2024

Dear Parents/carers,

Welcome back to another exciting term. I hope that you have all had a wonderful Christmas and are excited for the New Year. We have lots to look forward to this term and I can't wait for us to get started.

This term our Topic will be ***The Tudors!*** We will be learning about the Tudor Monarchs and will get the chance to be immersed in everyday Tudor life. This links very well with our English Topics, where we are exploring Shakespearean sonnets and playscripts, with a focus on Macbeth.

PE is still on Wednesday and Friday afternoons. ***So, children will need to come to school in PE kit on Wednesday 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 commencing 12<sup>th</sup> February** (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 can also be completed in their homework book and **must 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 every day.** 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 cases, 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.

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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<b>Topic</b>	<b><i>Tudors</i></b>
English	Structured Poems- Shakespearean Sonnets Playscripts- Shakespearean Playscripts Recounts Historical Fiction- Tudor Tales <u>Main Texts:</u> Macbeth- William Shakespeare Elisa Rose- Lucy Worsely
Maths	Ratio Algebra Converting Units Perimeter, Area and Volume Statistics
Science	Electricity Living Things and their Habitats
Geography	Tudor Essex and Geographical Skills
RE	How has belief in God impacted art and music in History?
Computing	Data and Information- Excel Spreadsheets Programming- Variables in games
Art	Renaissance Paintings- Leonardo Da Vinci
PSHE	Rights and Responsibilities Keeping Myself Safe
PE	OOA Dance
French	Numbers Families
Music	Jazz Music and Identity