

Kingfishers Newsletter Spring Term



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Kingfishers Class! I hope you have all had a lovely Christmas and New Year period. I'm very much looking forward to the new term – we lots of exciting learning to do!

For our first topic this term, we shall be looking at the Kingdom of Benin in history. In Geography, we shall be comparing a city in the Americas with a European location. Our class book – *Skellig* by David Almond - this term does not link to these topics but is such a fantastic, quality read that the children are already hooked!

PE lessons will be on **Mondays** and **Fridays**. We ask the children to come to school wearing their PE kits on these days. Children will be asked to remove all jewelry for PE lessons, including earrings, and long hair should be tied up.

Homework grids will also be sent home, which include a variety of tasks based on learning covered this half term. Children can either choose one task every couple of weeks or spend longer completing a bigger task. Homework is not compulsory but there will be rewards for those children who do engage in the tasks. We will share, celebrate and give feedback to children in the final weeks before the February half-term and the Easter holidays. Please encourage children to bring in their topic homework this weeks.

Children will be given a homework planner to record their home reading and weekly homework tasks.

The expectations are as follows:

- Read for at least 15 minutes daily
- Practise Times Tables Rockstars twice a week
- Complete 2 x activities in their spelling booklets
- Other English or maths activities that support work done in the classroom.

As the Year 6s approach SATS, there will be additional homework to support their preparation.

Please record all homework (reading, TT Rock Stars and spellings) in their homework diaries along with your signature. We will check the diaries every Thursday and if children have completed the homework outline above, they will be rewarded with extra break time.

Children may bring in a pencil case which could include a pencil, rubber, sharpener, ruler, glue stick and colouring pencils. Please ensure that this is a suitable size for the classroom and not overflowing with items as it can often become a distraction for the children. Children should be discouraged from bringing in any other items to school wherever possible as these become distractions during lesson time.

The following page shows the different learning that will take place over the Spring Term.

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	Spring 1	Spring 2
English	In addition to Skellig by David Almond, the children will read a wide variety of fiction, non-fiction and poetry texts.	
Maths	Fractions, decimals, percentages	Ratio, algebra, statistics
Science	Light	Living Things and their Habitats
RE	Why do Christians think Jesus was the Messiah?	What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today?
Computing	Data and information	Programming
PSHE	Keeping Myself Safe Rights and Responsibilities	
DT	Frame Structures	
Art	Architectural art: Stephen Wiltshire, Norman Foster, Zaha Hadid	
History	The Kingdom of Benin	
Geography	Comparison of a city in the Americas with a location in Europe	
PE	Football Hockey	Dance Netball
French	Dans la salle de classe	
Music	Africa	Animal Kingdom

I look forward to a busy and productive term. If you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,
Ms Bacon