



Kingfishers Newsletter Autumn Term

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Kingfishers Class! I hope you have all had an enjoyable and restful summer. I am very excited to welcome back the children, both familiar and new faces. We have lots of fun and engaging things planned for this year, to supplement and enhance the curriculum.

This term our topic will be **Crime and Punishment**. We shall be looking at a range of gruesome and harsh punishments throughout history. In Geography, we will learn about Human and Physical disasters, such as earthquakes and volcanoes. We will link these two topics to our reading and writing where appropriate. Our class novel is Holes by Louis Sachar – a brilliant book, which slots in nicely with our theme of Crime and Punishment. This year we will be splitting into year groups for Science. The Year 5s will be taught Science by Miss Rowe at the same time that Year 6s will be taught by myself.

PE lessons will be on **Thursdays** 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 and long hair should be tied up.

Homework grids will also be sent home shortly, which include a variety of tasks based on learning covered this half term. There will also be a weekly maths and/or literacy task. Homework is not compulsory but there will be rewards for those children who do engage in the tasks, and I strongly recommend that you encourage your child to complete their homework.

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 or other maths-based activity twice a week
- Practise spellings for a weekly spelling test

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

Please record all homework (reading, TT Rock Stars/Maths activities and spellings) in their homework diaries along with your signature. We will check the diaries every Friday and if children have completed the homework outline above, they will be rewarded with extra break time. Children, who complete homework regularly, will also have an additional reward at the end of each half-term.

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. Children will not be permitted to use felt-tip pens in their exercise books but may use them for craft-type activities. If felt-tip and/or coloured gel pens are brought to school, I shall ask children to keep them in their bags until needed.

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

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	Autumn 1	Autumn 2
English	Whole-class reading sessions on topics such as Portal stories, Crime and Punishment , Volcanoes , Evolution, Strong powerful people, Everyone different, everyone same, Sports Commentary, Untold stories and Christmas. Writing genres covered will include contemporary narrative, poetry, diaries and explanation texts. Our class novel is Holes by Louis Sachar. Spelling will be taught daily. Punctuation and grammar will be normally be incorporated into writing sequences.	
Maths	Place Value Addition and Subtraction Multiplication and Division	Fractions Multiplication and division
Science	Year 5: Properties of change Year 6: Evolution and Heritage	Year 5: Forces Year 6: Electricity
RE	Christianity Christians and how to live: what would Jesus do?	Christianity For Christians, what kind of King was Jesus?
Computing	Creating Media Web Page Creation Sites, Word	Computing Systems Sharing Information
PSHE	Me and my relationships: valuing difference	
DT	Frame Structures: how can bridge withstand natural disasters?	
Art	Urban Landscapes – Painting and Drawing L.S.Lowry: Industrial landscapes	
History	Crime and Punishment	
Geography	Human and Physical Disasters	
PE	Tag rugby Cross country	Gymnastics Fitness
French	La Rentree	
Music	Hip Hop	Electricity

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