



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 the children to Kingfishers and am looking forward to getting to know them. We have lots of fun and engaging things planned for this year, to supplement and enhance the curriculum.

This term our topic will be **World War II (The World Stage)**. I am aware that some children studied some aspects of World War II last year. However, this is such a large topic, there is so much more to find out about and they will be able to delve deeper. The children will consider the causes of World War II and learn why it was a 'world' war. In Geography, we will learn about Natural Wonders of the World – physical geography, climate zones, biomes, rivers, mountains volcanoes, earthquakes and the water cycle. We will link these two topics to our reading and writing. For example, our first class text is *Goodnight Mister Tom*, which is set during the Second World War.

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 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. The children will be given a homework book to complete the tasks, in which they bring in and share with the class. We will share, celebrate and give feedback to children the week commencing 20th October. Please encourage children to bring in their topic homework this week.

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 Friday 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.

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

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	Autumn 1	Autumn 2
English	In addition to Goodnight Mister Tom, Whole Class Reading will focus on the following themes: Children's Classics, World War II, Black History, Modern Fiction, Katherine Rundell, Natural Disasters.	
Maths	Place Value Addition and Subtraction Multiplication and Division	Fractions Multiplication and division
Science	Properties of Materials	Forces
RE	Christianity and Humanism Creation and Science: conflicting or complementary?	Christianity, Buddhism, Islam How and why does religion bring peace and conflict?
Computing	Creating Media Vector drawin Google drawings	Computing Systems Communication
PSHE	Me and my relationships: valuing Difference	
DT	Frame Structures	
Art	Abstract Landscapes – Painting/Drawing Paul Nash: World War Paintings Graham Sutherland: Abstract landscapes	
History	World War II (The World Stage) Why was World War II a 'world' war?	
Geography	Natural Wonders of the World Physical geography, including climate zones, biomes, rivers, mountains volcanoes, earthquakes and the water cycle	
PE	Team Building Cricket	Outdoor adventurous activities Hockey
French	Cuisine francaise	
Music	Music tech: getting started How does music bring us together?	Emotions and musical styles How does music connect us with our past?

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