



Kingfishers Newsletter – Autumn Term 2023

Dear Parents/carers,

Welcome back to the Autumn Term. I hope that you have all enjoyed a well-deserved break and are ready to embark on a new school year. I am looking forward to seeing all the children again and embarking on our learning journey together in Year 6!

This term our Topic will be **Anglo-Saxons!** We will be immersing ourselves in what life was like during this period and learning how Britain changed across this period.

PE is going to be on Wednesday and Friday, so please ensure that children come in PE kit on these days. Every Monday and Wednesday, the class will be taught by Mr Hawley.

Homework:

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 over a series of weeks. There are no rules on how many tasks are to be completed but there will be rewards for those children who engage in them! 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 on the last week before each half term. Please bring in your homework on these dates.

Children will also often be given small weekly tasks, along with their spellings, on a Tuesday. This will help consolidate their understanding of that week's learning.

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 be completed throughout the week and will go home on Tuesday with the children to practice at home where possible. It is important that children are continuing to reinforce their times tables fluency at home, as this is crucial for accessing the Year 6 Maths content. Engaging with their studies at home massively impacts children's progress and SATs results, which are taken in May. More information regarding these will be given throughout the year.

Children will be given a homework planner to record their home reading and weekly homework tasks. **Each week the expectations are to:**

-Read at least 4 times a week

-Login to Times Tables Rockstars for at least 5 minutes twice a week

As a parent/carer, we ask that you record the homework completed. In the homework diary, write down the reading that they have done on the right-hand side of the page and record which days they completed TT Rockstars on the left-hand side, along with your signature. We will check the diaries every Friday and if they have completed the above, they will get extra break time.

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

Kindest Regards,
Miss Rowe

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	Autumn 1	Autumn 2
English	Dystopian Fiction Texts- Floodland by Marcus Sedgewick	Structured Poems Text- Beowulf by Michael Morpurgo
Maths	Place Value- Roman numerals, 10,000/100,000 Four Operations- add, subtract, divide, multiply, inverse, multiples and factors.	Four Operations- add, subtract, divide, multiply, inverse, multiples and factors. Fractions- Compare, order, add, subtract, multiply
Science	Evolution and inheritance	Earth and Space
RE	Creation and Science: Conflicting or complementary? How and why does religion bring peace and conflict?	
Computing	Creative Media- Web Page Creation	Computing Systems and Networks- Communication
PSHE	Valuing Difference	Me and my relationships
DT		Mechanism
Art	Local Landscape Paintings- Thomas Gainsborough and John Constable	
History	Anglo-Saxons	
Geography		East Anglia
PE	Team Building Games	Fitness
French	French Pets	Space Exploration
Music	Developing Melodic Phrases How Does Music Bring Us Together?	Understanding Structure And Form How Does Music Connect Us With Our Past?

All of the Knowledge Organisers for the topics above will be sent home to you. This will give you a comprehensive outline of what is covered throughout each unit and enable you to support learning from home.