

Kingfishers' Autumn Newsletter 2024

Welcome to Year 6 Kingfishers.

We all hope you had a lovely summer holiday and are ready for the new term. We have lots of fun things planned to support our learning and we are excited to see all the progress the children will make throughout the year.

Our topic this term will begin with World War 2 in history and move onto The Alps in geography. Both topics will allow the children to gain a great deal of knowledge using a range of different skills during lessons.

In maths, we will be ensuring that all our basic methods of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division are secure; as well as developing our knowledge of place value and fractions.

In reading, we will be focusing on the book 'The Boy at the Back of the Class,' by Onjali Q Raúf. The children will really enjoy this book!

In English, our first piece of writing will be based on Harry Potter. The children will be able to use their creativity to write in role across a range of different genres. We will then move onto writing focused around a text set during World War 2, where children will be able to use their imagination to create a narrative.

In science, our new topic is light. This is an exciting topic where the children will learn all about how light travels and will involve some practical lessons.



P.E

Our P.E. day this term is on **Thursday**. Some of our PE topics may be carried out outside, so can you please ensure your child brings a suitable P.E. kit suitable for indoor and outdoor lessons. P.E kits should consist of a white t-shirt, black or blue shorts, leggings or joggers and trainers. If your child does not have the correct P.E kit, they may be able to borrow school kit or they will be unable to take part in P.E. Swimming will take place for all children on **Fridays**. Swimming is a compulsory lesson in the primary National Curriculum and an essential life skill; therefore, children must attend weekly swimming lessons. Children will need to bring a one piece swimsuit (girls) and swimming trunks or shorts (boys). If your child wears goggles these can be worn but are not compulsory. Additional letters and consent forms will be sent out detailing exact details. Lessons will run across the whole year.

Homework

Your child will receive spellings, grammar and maths homework every **Friday**. They will also need to take home and return their reading book daily. Our weekly spelling test will be carried out on a **Friday**. Every week, there are games on Spelling Shed (accessed via Wonde) available for them to rehearse the week's spelling rule. The homework sheets provided will give them an additional opportunity to practise what they have been learning throughout the week in lessons.

Autumn Term Focus

Our focus this term is handwriting, presentation and times tables.

Each week a child is chosen from each class to receive the handwriting and presentation award. There will also be opportunities for children to gain their pen licence!

Children can log on to TT Rockstars to practise their times tables. We are able to keep track of their progress through the teacher portal.

Reminders

- Please ensure that your child arrives at school promptly at 8:45am.
- Please send your child with a water bottle every day.
- If your child wears glasses, please ensure that they are in school every day.
- Please ensure that your child has a coat in school every day.
- Please ensure P.E kit is in school on Thursdays and swimming kit on a Friday.
- If your child has an inhaler, this needs to be in school every day.
- If your child has a snack at play-times, this needs to be healthy (toast, fruit, cereal bars).

Any Concerns

If there is anything you would like to discuss with us, please feel free to come and speak to any member of staff working in year six.

Thank you for your continued support!

Miss Griffiths, Mrs Cotton and the year six team.