

## Kingfishers' Class Summer Term Newsletter

Welcome back! We are all looking forward to an exciting Summer Term together. This term, from Tuesday 18 May, the teaching will be shared between Mrs Barmby and Mr Barron: Mrs Barmby will be the class teacher on Mondays to Wednesdays and Mr Barron on Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs Manghan will continue to be part of the team. Karl will teach Music on a Friday morning.

Hopefully sunny, warm weather will be with us this term. Please ensure your children bring in a refillable water bottle and a sun hat. Thank you.

### What will Kingfishers be learning about during the Summer Term?

#### Reading



"The more that you read, the more things you will know.  
The more you learn, the more places you'll go."  
Dr Seuss

Reading for pleasure and enjoyment will continue to lie at the heart of our English Curriculum.

As well as taking part in guided reading the children will continue to bring home both a reading book and a library book each week. If they are free readers, they will choose both books themselves. If not, they will bring home a reading scheme book and their personally chosen library book. Please continue to listen to your children read as often as possible, share their library books with them and discuss what they are reading. The book review template that they bring home can be completed on any library or free reading book. Reading is a key skill for learning, and just as importantly, we want reading to be one of life's pleasures for all children.



#### English

In English this term, Mondays to Wednesdays our writing will be linked to the book 'The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark.' As our class reading book it will be the stimulus for varied text types: new and revisiting prior teaching and learning. To start the term, we are thrilled to have a visit from Fenland Falconry – an opportunity for the children to 'meet' an owl for real. This will launch us into writing to inform. It will also provide the children with the real-life experience to write a personal recount. By this stage we will have become well accounted with 'Plop' the main character from our class book and we'll move onto story writing.

With Mr Barron on Thursdays and Fridays, the children will be focusing on the use of dialogue in narratives and playscripts.



#### Maths

To start the term, the focus for our Maths lessons will be counting, addition and subtraction. We will then be concentrating on fractions, including adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator and finding equivalent fractions. As the term moves on, we will revisit multiplication and division as well as measurement and geometry. We will continue to reinforce understanding of place value.



#### History: Stone Age to Iron Age

This term we will be exploring the concepts of change and continuity. We will do this through studying Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age and how people lived during these periods. This will include learning about the advances made in technology over this period, how it affected the way people lived and the development of farming. We will also consider the all-important question: How can we possibly know what it was like so many years ago before man recorded his thoughts in writing? We are also planning an exciting trip to Flag Fen – our local Bronze Age settlement. This will be on Tuesday 23 May. More details will follow shortly!



### **Geography: Mountains**

As geographers, the focus this term will be on mountains. We will learn about the key features of mountain ranges, how they are formed and the names and locations of some of the world's major mountains. The children will also be encouraged to contrast and compare our own locality and think about what it is like to live in a mountainous region.



### **Art: Cave Paintings**

In our art lessons, we are learning about cave paintings and will be practising our own painting techniques: using different textures of paint and mixing different colours and shades. We will use our prior learning about the colour wheel to experiment and practise using a limited colour palette to see what effects we can create. We will be painting on a range of different scales using different brushes.

### **Design Technology: Sewing**

In design and technology, we are going to be looking at different types of bags that are available, seeing how they are made and looking at their purpose. Then the children will be designing and making their own bags to a given brief. We will be using sewing techniques to join the different parts of our bags together. We will evaluate them to check whether they are fit for purpose: will they hold the items that we need them to? Evaluation of the bags will come next. Would we make them the same again or make changes?

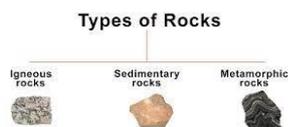
### **RE: Christianity**

In RE, we are going to be learning about how Christians relate to God and how they use music, imagery, symbols and art to enhance and demonstrate their understanding of the Bible. We will be listening to a range of music from different traditions, making our own crosses and having a go at illuminated lettering.

### **PHSE**

PSHE topics for the term are 'Think Positive' and 'It's my Body.' We will be exploring the different feelings we have, ways to manage them and making good choices. We will also be thinking about how our bodies are our own, and how to keep healthy.

### **Science: Rocks and Soils**



In Science the children will be learning all about Rocks and Soils. They will:

- compare and group together different kinds of rocks on the basis of their appearance and simple physical properties
- describe in simple terms how fossils are formed when things that have lived are trapped within rock
- recognise that soils are made from rocks and organic matter.

**PE** will be on Friday morning with Mr Barron. The children will need to bring their PE kit with them including trainers.

### **Homework**

This term homework will come home on Wednesday. Please encourage and support your children to complete homework tasks as they reinforce what has been taught or to prepare for new learning. Homework needs to be returned on or before the following Monday. Year 2 will have Maths homework and Year 3 will have English and Maths homework. All children will bring home spellings weekly too.

Thank you for your continuing support. 😊 Mrs Barmby and Mr Barron