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Kingfisher Class- Year 2 and 3 – Learning Overview for Parents

Autumn term 1 2021



Wednesday 8th September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to all Kingfisher children – we hope that you have had a very restful summer break and are ready for the excitement of a new term here at Bretforton Village School. We have a fantastic topic covering Ancient Greece to start the year and can't wait to learn all about this fascinating civilisation.

Our School Week

Your child's teachers for this term will be Mrs Darby and Mr Riley, assisted by Miss Haines. Mr Riley will teach the class on Mondays and Fridays. Mrs Darby will teach the class on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. From Thursday 16th September, the children will have a morning PE session with a sports coach. These sessions will be held outside - please make sure your child has their full kit with them, including a spare pair of socks for girls if they are wearing tights.

Forest School

This term, Kingfisher class will have a Forest School session on Friday afternoons. These will begin on Friday 17th September. Please ensure that your child has their forest school kit with them every Friday. Miss Ellis will send out a letter with further detail about this in due course.

Reading Books

Reading books will be sorted out within the first week back at school. Please could you support us by reading with your child as often as possible, ideally daily. Please sign your child's home reading record each time your child reads at home, adding the page number so that we know where to pick up from when your child is reading in school. Please talk to your child about what they have read so they can show their understanding of the text. In school, we will teach the strategies that enable your child to read for meaning but the more your child practises these skills out of school, the more confident they will become. If your child has finished their book and has not had it changed, please take the opportunity to listen to them reread it.

Homework

Initially, the children will only have spellings to learn each week, and these will be tested every Friday. Spellings tests will be recorded in books which will be sent home every Friday, so that you can track your child's results each week, and practise any that your child got wrong. Maths tests will recommence once we have assessed the children. If you would like to support your child's mental maths skills, please help them to continue to practise the times tables facts or number bonds they know. Speedy recall is the aim!





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'Pick and mix' homework will commence later this term.

Water bottles

We encourage the children to drink water often in class. Please send your child to school with a full water bottle each day. It is important that water bottles are filled before the children come to school, so that we have plenty of time for our morning tasks. The children are welcome to refill their bottles if they finish them before home time

. Please ensure your child takes their water bottle home at the end of each day to be washed, and do not send your child in with any fruit squash - on the one hand, when spilt, it can cause damage to children's books but there is also evidence that drinking squash from water bottles can cause damage to developing teeth and gums.

As ever, we very much appreciate your support as we work together to develop your child's learning but if you have any concerns at any time, please do not hesitate to contact us. If you need to get in touch, please use your child's reading record or email or telephone school.

We look forward to working with your child once again.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Darby and Mr Riley

