



'Learning at its heart'

Kingfisher Class – Learning Overview for Parents – Spring 2022

Wednesday 5th January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back to Kingfisher class! We hope that you have had a wonderful Christmas with your families. This term, our topic will be 'Extreme Earth'. The children will learn about different types of extreme weather, with a particular focus on volcanoes. This term, we will be taking part in a trip to a local recycling centre called 'Envirosort', which will support our learning in our science topic, 'Materials'. This trip is fully-funded and will take place on Tuesday 1st February. More details will follow in due course.

Our School Week

Your child's teachers for this term will continue to be Mrs Darby and Mr Riley, assisted by Miss Haines. Mr Riley will continue to teach the class on Mondays and Fridays. Mrs Darby will teach the class on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. The children will have a PE session with our sports coach on a Wednesday afternoon and swimming will take place every Friday morning, starting on Friday 21st January. Please make sure your child has their full PE kit with them, including **a spare pair of socks** for girls if they are wearing tights. Swimming kit includes swimming shorts or a costume, a swimming cap, a towel and a waterproof bag. A letter regarding swimming will follow shortly.

Reading Books

Reading books will continue to be changed every Tuesday and Friday. 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. If your child has finished their book and has not had it changed, please take the opportunity to listen to them reread it.

Homework

This term, the children will continue to have spellings and maths facts to learn each week, and these will be tested every Monday, starting from Monday 17th January. Spellings and maths tests will be recorded in books which will be sent home every Monday, so that you can track your child's results each week, and practise any that your child got wrong. Individual maths targets for the maths tests will continue to be recorded at the bottom of each maths test. Please help your child learn the facts by heart and as quickly as possible.

In addition to this, 'pick and mix' homework will be issued in the first week of term.





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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.

Thank you for your continued support in developing your child's learning. If you have any concerns at any time, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We look forward to an exciting term with your child.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Darby and Mr Riley

