

Class Curriculum Letter – Kingfisher Autumn Term 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, we hope you all enjoyed the holidays and found some time to relax away from school. It has been great to welcome the children back for their last year of primary school. We are sure it will be a challenging yet rewarding year for the class. We would like to take this opportunity to let you know what the children will be learning during the Autumn Term.

<p><u>Literacy:</u> Fiction - including a flashback story and personification poetry. Non-fiction - autobiographical writing, news reports and persuasive letter writing Our focus genre in reading will be historical texts. There will be a strong emphasis on spelling, punctuation, and grammar. In their home-learning, your child will either be given spellings that they need to practise at home based on words from the Y5/6 spelling words list or they will be set an investigation task based around a specific pattern or spelling rule.</p>	<p><u>Maths:</u> We will be following the national curriculum for maths in Y6. There is an emphasis on formal written methods of calculation so this will be an area we will focus on. After looking at the main four operations of calculation (+, -, x and ÷), we will finish the term with a strong focus on fractions. Next week children will all be given a Times Tables Rockstars log in reminder and encouraged to access this whilst at home to develop their tables knowledge.</p> 
<p><u>Science:</u> This term we will be covering the topics of Light and Electricity.</p> 	<p><u>PE:</u> PE sessions will be on a Wednesday and Friday. Mr Paice will be taking the children for these sessions. This term we will be concentrating on Yoga, Outdoor & Adventure Activities (OAA), Dance and Football. Please ensure your child comes into school wearing their full PE kit – shorts, team colour t-shirt, tracksuit for cold days and trainers. Long hair must be tied back so that hair does not fall over the eyes (including for boys!) and no hard hairbands or jewellery may be worn. Earrings should be removed if possible or taped with tape provided from home.</p> 
<p><u>History</u> We will be studying the Battle of Britain. Through our work we will be critiquing the view: 'The Battle of Britain was won by the pilots and planes'.</p>	<p><u>Music:</u> Mr Bewes will be teaching: Rhythm from Haiti; African song and using chime bars.</p>
<p><u>Geography</u> How is the World divided? This unit focuses on South America. Using maps and atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and other physical features.</p>	<p><u>PSHE:</u> Including confidentiality; different types of relationships; listening to others; challenging stereotypes, discrimination and bullying.</p>
<p><u>COMPUTING:</u> Computing will be incorporated into other curriculum subjects where appropriate e.g. advanced internet searching, word processing, graphing software and use of Time Tables Rockstars in Maths. After half term we will begin our unit on coding.</p>	<p><u>Art/DT</u> For Art, we will focus on drawing using different shading techniques, observing first-hand and using perspective in our work. To do this, our main artist study will be Sir Henry Moore and his WW2 underground shelter sketches.</p>
<p><u>RE:</u> Using the Norfolk Agreed Syllabus for RE, we will be studying Christianity and focusing specifically on the following question: What difference does the resurrection make to Christians?</p>	
<p><u>M.F.L.</u> French : Weather and Classroom objects.</p>	

HOME LEARNING

Home learning will continue to be added to OneNote on a Friday in the Home Learning Masters folder tab under the specific date. This will outline the tasks set for that week. This year, we are continuing with the Year 6 tradition of supplying children with CGP study books and so most home-learning for English and Maths will be based on using these in preparation for SATs. The books are currently being ordered and as soon as they are delivered, we will be sending them home for home learning use. There may be different days for children to complete other tasks and these will be on the OneNote masters page along with any information about where/or how they might need to record things or bring work in. It is important that you encourage your child to take responsibility for acting on this information as this is a vital skill for high school and we want to help them develop good habits early on.

READING

Finally, we are putting a big emphasis on reading for pleasure this year. In class, a reading corner has been created in which we've supplied a range of reading material to inspire all children. We have current fiction, magazine, non-fiction information books, poetry books and graphic novels. If any of you have any children magazines or reading matter such as football programmes etc that you would like to donate to the class, then this would be most gratefully received.

Miss Carr has many of her own books in the reading corner which she is willing to share for the children to read. All she asks is that the children look after the books and return them in good condition. She will be keeping a list of who borrows books to ensure they are returned for other children to enjoy. In the parents folder on OneNote, a monthly reading update on new books and recommendations will be added to help you should you need book ideas for birthdays/Christmas or simply a 'well done' present.

We hope the information in this letter is useful, but should you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask. One of us is usually available after school, however should you wish to discuss anything in detail, please make an appointment.

Mr Paice and Miss Carr