



KINGFISHERS NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Kingfishers and Year 5! I do hope you had a lovely summer holiday and a restful break. I am really looking forward to teaching this class, helping them meet the standards expected in Year 5 and I can't wait to get stuck into some exciting topics with the children! Alongside our curriculum learning, we will be taking part in a project at Larmer Tree Gardens with our first visit on the 29th September!

During these first few weeks in particular, if at any time you have any concerns or queries relating to your child, please feel free to speak to me after school, or make an appointment with the office if you wish to discuss the matter further.

Best wishes,

Johnathan Webb

English

Our class reader for this term is "Who Let the Gods Out?" by Maz Evans, a hilarious, exciting book which we will use to help us write play scripts. We will be writing stories with issues or dilemmas, as well as writing our own poetry.

We will work on spelling and handwriting independently of English lessons, whilst reinforcing to the children the importance of always trying their best with these things in all areas of learning.

Homework

Our Homework for year 5 includes reading, spellings and a piece of topic work. Please help us to support your child by reading regularly and learning the weekly spellings.

Spellings will be sent home on a Friday and should be completed - by writing out three times - in their books please. This enables them to prepare for the weekly spelling test on a Friday morning.

Children are expected to be reading at least 3x a week at home and they will progress on our reading race and receive house points for their efforts. A really good way to check their learning is to ask some questions about the pagethe child has read to ensure they are able to comprehend the book after they have read.

PE and Games

Our P.E. days for this half term are Thursday and Friday, please ensure your child has their PE kit in school for these days. We will be spending as much time as possible outside, so please ensure children are prepared for the weather (hat and sun cream if the sun comes back!).

Children need to remove all jewellery for PE. If children cannot remove their earrings please provide micro porous tape so they can be taped over during PE sessions. Any children with long enough hair need to have it tied up for PE sessions.

Mathematics

In our maths lessons this term, we will use White Rose and additional resources to aid number fluency, problem solving and reasoning. We will also continue to carry out problemsolving activities.

We will cover:

- Place value, including comparing, ordering and rounding
- Addition and subtraction, including methods to check answers and find missing numbers
- Multiplication and division

Topic

We start Year 5 learning about the Ancient Greeks! This is a history driven topic, but will incorporate aspects of English, as well as giving us some good opportunities for other foundation subjects too.

We will learn about how the Greek civilisation developed democratic rule and the influence of the Greeks on various aspects of modern life.

Science

Our science learning to start Year 5 is about forces. This gives us plenty of opportunities to carry out our own investigations, learning about the effects of air resistance and friction, for example.



PSHE My healthy self: How can I support my mind and body as I grow?

We will learn to understand how everyday choices can support physical and emotional wellbeing by exploring nutrition, physical activity and self-regulation.

Humanities

History is our focus for this half term, and the influence of Ancient Greece on modern life provides us with an exciting and engaging approach to our learning!

PE

We will be learning Tag Rugby and Cricket in our PE sessions. We have PE on a **Thursday morning** and **Friday afternoon**. Children must bring their kit into school for these days. We are lucky to have our Prime Sports coaching team for the Tag Rugby lessons!

RE

This half term we will begin learning about Judaism, with a particular focus on holiness.



Ancient Greece

Art/Design Technology

We will learn about mechanical systems and how to make a pop-up book. This will include a storybook design, using levers, sliders, layers and spacers to create paper-based mechanisms.



Music

In music, we will follow our Charanga scheme of learning and focus on "Shaping Music". This will involve improvising freely over a drone or groove, followed by composing a short piece using Music Notepad.

Computing

During computing lessons, we will learn about systems and networks. This will include searching for information, learning about how searches are carried out and what influences search results.

French

We will begin Year 5 with some vocabulary revision of words we have previously learnt, as well as being able to introduce ourselves in French in as much detail as possible!