

Kingfisher Class



Spring Term 2024

Happy New Year!

Welcome back to the Spring term of year 5. It has been wonderful welcoming all the children back and seeing them settle into our classroom routines.

English

So far this term, we have started in English by exploring the short story, *Undertow*, from Shaun Tan's 'Tales from Outer Suburbia'. We will look at the features of what makes an effective and concise story for an intended audience to enjoy. This will be an exciting explorative journey working towards writing our own.

Maths

We will begin by focusing on multiplication and division. All children should be concentrating and working hard to know their times tables up to 12×12 consistently. In maths we are using the scheme, *Power Maths*, which builds in small steps to deepen our mathematical understanding.

Humanities and RE

We have commenced our journey using our enquiry skills in humanities to look at our spring topic Ancient Romans and during RE, we will begin by focusing on our local Church and the community we live in. I am looking forward to seeing the children develop their enquiry skills over the next coming weeks.

RSHE lessons every other week, exploring relationships and health education.

PE

Kingfisher Class have PE on a Monday and Friday. Please send your children to school wearing their PE kits on these days.

This term, the children will be focusing on their own personal fitness and gymnastics.

Google Classroom and Homework

The children will be set weekly homework tasks on a Friday that are uploaded on Google Classroom, following on from the expectations set in the Autumn term. This platform will solely be used to issue homework.

The weekly homework tasks will consist of; reading, practising spellings, completing tasks on an online platform called *MathsFlex* and accessing *Times Table Rock Stars* to practise times tables.

I am very excited to be teaching the children this term and hope you are looking forward to hearing about our learning and seeing some of the amazing work we produce.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us through *Class Dojo*.

Thank you to everyone for your continued help in supporting the children's learning.