

AUTUMN TERM IN KINGFISHER CLASS



'LEARN TOGETHER, WORK TOGETHER, GROW TOGETHER'

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, a huge welcome to you all, whether you are a returning parent or a new one, we are so pleased to see you and your children! We have been busy preparing and thinking about how we can make sure that you all feel safe and re-assured as we move onwards after such a tricky time for us all. Our environment has been developed to reflect a calm and welcoming feel with nurture at the heart and we do hope the children enjoy being in it.

Our learning for the Autumn Term will focus around celebrations and we will be looking at the various ways in which we celebrate together; birthdays, Harvest, Diwali, November the 5th and Christmas. The children will be involved in thinking about something they would like to celebrate towards the end of the half term!

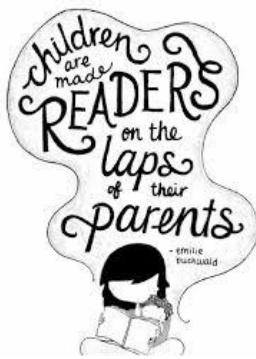
Just a few things to note in the first few weeks of the Autumn term:

- **Reading** –We find that it helps to get into a routine with reading by doing it at the same time each day. Children enjoy routine, so this soon becomes part of a regular pattern. We will continue to hear the children at every available opportunity in school, but this should not be their only source of reading.

For Reception children the priority for the first half term is for them to listen to stories, learn the initial sounds and enjoy playing with rhyme.

Reading books will only be changed on a **MONDAY** – we will provide enough material to see your child through a week. The books will be placed in quarantine once taken in. We are sorry, but we will not be able to change books on any other day. The children will also be given a phonics book; each Monday we will stick in all of the sounds that the children have been learning the previous week. They will also be given some tricky words to learn, which can not be sounded out but need to be learnt by sight recognition. (More details about phonics and helping your child to read will follow later in the term) **Please only bring book bags to school on Mondays.**

Once the children have settled, the children in Year 1 will be given some spellings to learn. We will give you more information about this at the time. They may also be given some sounds to learn.



- **Colder weather** - As the weather gets colder please do provide your child with suitable **NAMED** clothing. It can be very cold at playtimes and lunchtimes and the expectation is for them to be outside as part of their provision (even more so now than ever).
- **Book bags** – All that your child needs to bring to school is a book bag with nothing more in it than their reading books, phonics book, tricky words, and later on Yr1 spellings.
- As previously mentioned, we are unable to engage with you at the beginning or end of the day; as you will know our priority is the safety of your children and our community. If there is an urgent matter, then please ring the school office and a message will be relayed to us. You can also make contact with us through our class email kingfishers@tacolneston.norfolk.sch.uk

If you would like a telephone call from us about an issue that needs discussing, then this can be arranged through the school office.

- **PE –Children DO NOT need to bring PE kits to school.** Please ensure that they come to school in their kits on a Thursday.
- **Outdoor Education-** This will be on a weekly basis. Please ensure that your child has a pair of wellies and waterproofs (we will keep them with us and send them home at half terms.)
- **VALUE FOR LIFE –** As a Church of England school we follow the values for life, and this term it is Creativity. So please do take every opportunity to chat to your child about this as we will be reflecting on this as part of Collective Worship and as part of daily school life.

Our priority is always the children and we know that those parents who become partners in learning truly improve the outcomes for their children. When parents are involved, children achieve more, they are happier, they develop greater self esteem and demonstrate good behaviour so please do get involved as it is a very special time in their lives, as it whizzes by in a flash!

Kind regards,

Jo Diaper and Debbie Cheese