



Welcome to Kingfisher Class - Autumn 2021

'LEARN TOGETHER, WORK TOGETHER, GROW TOGETHER'

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, a huge welcome to you all, we are so pleased to be continuing the learning journey with you and your children!

We have been busy preparing Kingfisher class to create an environment that reflects a calm and welcoming feel with nurture at the heart and we do hope your children enjoy sharing it with us.

Our learning for the Autumn Term will focus around our new 'Discover' project called 'Far, far, away!' This will give us many opportunities for exciting learning including; looking at a range of stories, thinking about the world around us by looking at seasonal changes, exploring day, night, light and dark, as well as finding out about adventures to the moon and into space!

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

Reading

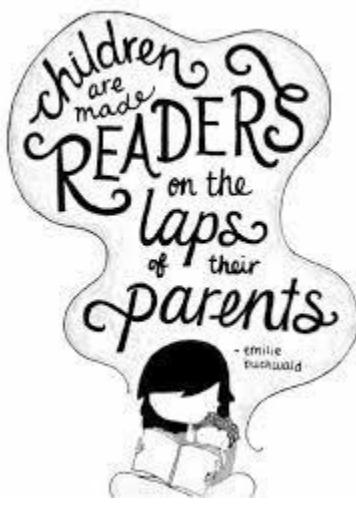
In Reception the priority for the first half term is for children to listen to lots of stories, learn the initial sounds and enjoy playing around with rhyme. We find that reinforcement of this at home really helps children to feel confident and make good progress.

Please send in your child's book bag each day in case they have creations or letters to bring home. These should contain all that your child needs to bring to school, with nothing more in it than their reading books, phonics book and tricky words.

Once we start to send reading books home with your child, we will aim to check and change these on a Monday and Friday so that you can continue to share books with them regularly. These will initially have no words, so that you can focus on making up stories together using the pictures.

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.

Your children will also be given a phonics book; each Friday we will stick in all of the sounds that the children have been learning during that 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. We will give you more details about phonics and helping your child to read later in the term.

Weather - Please ensure your child has the correct clothing for warm, wet or cold weather. Ensure they have NAMED sun hats, raincoats, warm coats as necessary. It can be very cold or wet at playtimes and lunchtimes and the expectation is for them to be outside as part of their provision.

PE – Children DO NOT need to bring PE kits to school. Please ensure that they come to school in their kits on a Thursday.

Water bottles- Please send your child to school with a water bottle everyday, which should be filled with water (no squash or juice please). Please avoid putting water bottles inside book bags as they can leak and then ruin the contents of the bag!

Outdoor Education - The children spend lots of time in our outdoor provision and also have outdoor education sessions on a weekly basis. Please ensure that your child has a NAMED pair of wellies and waterproofs. We will keep them with us and send them home at half terms.

Values for Life – As a Church of England school we follow the values for life, and this term it is Friendship. 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. It is a very special time in their lives and it whizzes by in a flash!

Kind regards,

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