

Summer Term in Kingfisher Class



'LEARN TOGETHER, WORK TOGETHER, GROW TOGETHER'

Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge welcome back to everyone for the start of the summer term, we hope you had a lovely Easter break and are now ready to go!

It is hard to believe that we are already in the final term of your child's first year in school! We are going to be very busy, but the sun will hopefully be shining to keep us happy and smiling.



Our learning for the term will focus around
our Wonderful World with a focus on Land and Water

Our first key text is **Bog baby** which will lead us into exploring the creatures that we can find on land and in the water, as well as discovering our very own imaginary Bog Baby! We will also be creating our own Bog Babies in a variety of ways as part of our art and DT. This will lead us in a local study of the seaside looking at Cromer and the life of Henry Blogg.



Our second key text will be **One Day on our Blue Planet in the Savannah** which will give us the opportunity to compare and contrast the UK seaside with the savannah. We will also be looking at how the world is being affected by climate change and finding out about the work of the fabulous David Attenborough!

We also have lots of exciting activities planned to celebrate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee towards the end of the first half term!



- **New - Reading Morning** - These were a well loved opportunity for parents to spend time in school with their children which had to be stopped during the pandemic. We are now very keen to reintroduce these in Kingfisher class and welcome you all to join us to share books with your children each **Friday morning from 8.40 until 9am.**
- **Phonics** - As the children continue with **Phase 3** phonics we will once again be putting the sounds learnt into their pink phonics books. Please practise these daily, it will make all the difference to their reading and spelling!

Word boxes will also continue to come home to help your child develop their blending fluency. Please keep practising these as often as you can as we are seeing brilliant progress from everyone

We will also continue to add to your child's pack of **tricky words**, these are non-decodable words which cannot be sounded out in the usual way. It is important that the children learn to read these by sight.

- **NEW - Traditional Tales Swap Shop** - We believe that when children share many stories with their caregivers this gives them an excellent start in understanding stories and developing a pleasure for reading. There is such a vast array of brilliant stories for children available nowadays that we feel the traditional tales sometimes get lost, so we will have the swap shop open for you to use each Friday at the reading mornings.
- **PE** – Please ensure that they come to school in their kits on a **Thursday.**
- **Outdoor Education-** This will be on a weekly basis. Even though the weather should be more pleasant, please ensure that your child still has a pair of wellies and waterproofs. We will be looking at seasonal change, flowering plants and doing some creative activities too!
- **Morning Drop offs** – Please continue to encourage your child to carry and bring in all of their things in one go in the morning, as this helps to stop traffic jams! At this stage in the year we need to foster as much independence as possible and of course, this is still more COVID safe for all.
- **Class Assembly** - We will be busy preparing for this important milestone during this term and look forward to seeing you all to celebrate your child's first year of school on **Thursday 23rd June.**
- **Value for Life** – As a Church of England school we follow the values for life, and this term it is **Peace.** Please do take every opportunity to chat to your child about this as we will be reflecting on forgiveness 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. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Kind regards, Jo Diaper and Debbie Cheese