

## SPRING TERM IN KINGFISHER CLASS



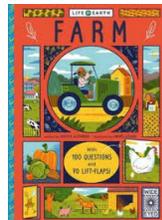
**'LEARN TOGETHER, WORK TOGETHER, GROW TOGETHER'**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, a huge welcome back to you all. We hope that you had a good Christmas break and that 2023 has got off to a good start for you.

It is hard to believe that we are already in the second term of your child's first year in school! The Spring term is shorter, but with still lots to fit in, we are going to be very busy.

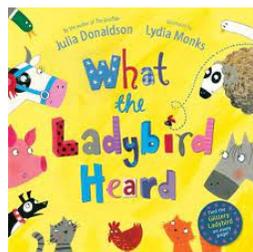
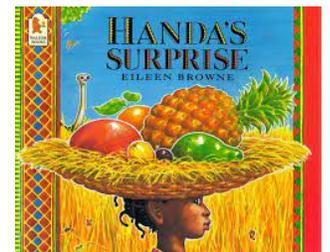
Our learning for the term will focus around



***Food and Farming.***

Our first key text is **Handa's Surprise**.

This will introduce the children to different fruits and animals from Africa which we will compare to those found in the United Kingdom. We will be using our senses to taste, describe and explore different fruits and considering how they grow. Much of our creative work will look at African art, including animal patterns. We also be designing, creating and eating fruit kebabs!



Our second key text will be **What the Ladybird heard**. We will use this text as a basis for further exploration of farming. We will be looking at how farming has changed, what animals might be found on a farm and how we might classify these. We hope to also look at the life cycle of a ladybird. The children will also be finding out about the famous Italian artist Giuseppe Arcimboldo.

- **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.

**Phonics** - Your children will have now had the opportunity to learn all of the Read Write Inc Set 1 sounds, including the 'special friends'. They will continue to practise these during the spring term to develop their blending fluency and build towards reading simple words, phrases and sentences.

Although there will be no new sounds at the moment, please continue to practise the sounds stuck into their phonics books and use the small sound cards to build and read words regularly. It will make all the difference to their reading and spelling!

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.

- **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.) This term we will be identifying and naming birds and we will be taking part in the Big School Bird Watch 2023 and then working towards the RSPB Wild Challenge!
- **Value for Life –** As a Church of England school we follow the values for life, and this term it is Justice and Equality. Please do take every opportunity to chat to your child about this as we will be reflecting on justice and equality as part of Collective Worship and as part of daily school life.
- **Class Dates for this term**

**20.01.23 Maths workshop 8.45-9.15**

**07.03.23 Writing, scribing and storytelling workshop 8.45-9.15**

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 Rixon and Debbie Cheese