

## Summer Term in Kingfisher Class

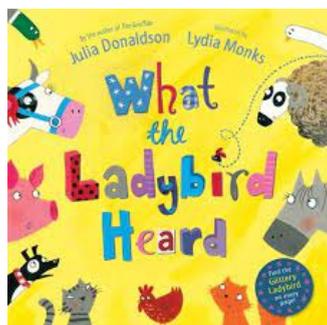
'Learn together, Work together, Grow together'



Dear all parents and carers,

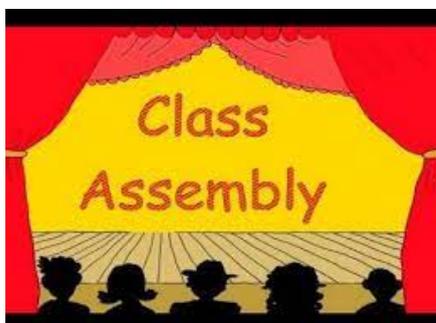
A huge welcome back to everyone for the start of the summer term, we hope you had a lovely Easter break and are now ready to go! It is hard to believe that we are already in the final term of your child's first year in school! We are going to be very busy, but the sun will hopefully be shining to keep us happy and smiling.

Our learning for the summer term will be based around growing!



Our first 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 and their babies might be found on a farm and how we might classify these. We hope to also look at the life cycle of a ladybird.

Our second key text will be the well-loved fairy tale **Jack and the Beanstalk**. We will be exploring seeds, planting them and watching them grow. Investigating the parts of a plant, their life cycles and also our own!



**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 **Tuesday 7th May at 9am in the school hall**

**Phonics** - Your children are all making excellent progress in learning to read and they will continue to extend and practise their phonic knowledge during the summer term. They will continue to develop their blending fluency and build towards reading simple phrases, sentences and stories.

All children have been learning and reviewing the **Read Write Inc special friends and some Set 2 sounds**, you can view practice at home videos to support your children using the **QR codes** below

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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.

**Reading at home** - Your child will continue to bring home reading material linked to their Read Write Inc reading group, this may be sound blending books, ditties or coloured story books. These will be changed in line with their progress in their reading group lessons and will not be the same day each week.

They also have the opportunity to bring home a **library book** of their choice each week. We aim to change library books on a **Wednesday**.

**The Traditional Tale swap shop** has been popular and we thank you for your support with this. As children have now read the majority of the stories we will no longer be swapping

these regularly on a Friday morning. If there are any that your child would still like to borrow, they will still be available in the classroom so please do ask.

**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!

**Value for Life** – As a Church of England school we follow the values for life, and this term it is **Friendship**. 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.

We are keen to organise some exciting experiences for the children during the summer term, if you know of anyone with an interesting job or hobby that they would be happy to share then please let us know.

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!

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