

Welcome to Kingfisher Class!

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable summer. I'm very much looking forward to getting to know the new reception children and continue working with the year ones over the coming year and supporting them as they grow, learn, and thrive in Kingfisher Class!

We are getting straight into learning this year. From week 2 we will begin our daily Read Write Inc. (RWI) programme for phonics, reading, and writing for both year groups.

More detailed information about the curriculum for the year and the exciting learning opportunities coming up this year can be found on the school website.

Reading at Home

We ask that all children to read at home where possible at least five times a week. Please ensure you sign the reading record to confirm this has been completed. In the early weeks, your child will bring home a 'reading for pleasure' book. These are intended to be read *to* your child, as they may not yet be able to decode the text independently.

From Week 2, Year 1 children will also begin bringing home a RWI reading book. This will directly reflect the sounds and words they have been learning in class and is intended for them to read *with* you. These books will be changed once the children have completed the in-school lessons based on the following text. For reception parents, children will not bring home a RWI reading book until they have been assessed as knowing enough Set 1 sounds to be able to begin decoding simple stories. Don't be alarmed!

Spellings and Assessments

Year 1 children will soon begin bringing home spellings to practise (14th September). These will include a mix of phonics-based words covered during the week, as well as Year 1 Common Exception Words, which are words that often don't follow regular phonetic rules. Weekly spelling tests will take place every Monday, with new spellings going out the same day.

Staffing and Support

Kingfisher Class is taught by myself. On Monday afternoons, Computing and PE will be taught by Mr Feltham and a TLE sport coach. The class will also be supported throughout the week by Mrs Burrell, Miss Hookins and Mrs Sweeting (Janine), who all play a valuable role in supporting your child's learning.

PE Information

PE lessons will take place on Mondays with our sports coach, as well as another day in the week with me. Please ensure that your child keeps their PE kit in school at all times. The children will get changed at school. We will send home PE kits at the end of each half term (or sooner if needed!)

Communication and Support

We are excited for the year ahead and look forward to a fun and successful academic year, full of learning, progress, and special memories. If you have any questions or concerns at any point, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me either in person or via Class Dojo or the school office.

Thank you for your continued support. Here's to a super year!

Best wishes,
Will Collicutt
Kingfisher Class Teacher