



September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to Kingfisher Class and the start of another school year. I hope you will find the information below useful however, if you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Further information can also be found on our school website.

Kingfisher Class

I delighted to say that I am returning once more to Kingfisher Class and that this year we will have a mixed class with children from both year 2 and year 3 together. I would like in the first instance to reassure parents that children will be taught their own year groups' curriculum. Children entering into year 2 will not be expected to work at a year 3 standard and the year 3 children will not have their expectations lowered in order to accommodate for year 2 children. Being in a mixed year group will be a new experience for all of our children in Kingfisher Class and there are many benefits, the best of which is enabling children to expand their circle of friends.

The year 3 Kingfishers will be part of the Juniors and expectations and routines will be equal to that of other KS2 children. Ordinarily, year 2 and year 3 children would not be spending break times together however, due to the current situation with Covid, all of our classes are in "bubbles" as I'm sure you are aware and we will be spending break together as a class.

PE

PE lessons will take place every Wednesday and Thursday afternoon. We are asking that children arrive in school in their PE kits on these days to minimize the amount of materials and fabrics that are travelling between home and school in the present climate. Children will need to have long hair tied back and earrings removed for PE. If your child is unable to remove their earrings, please provide plasters so that they can be covered during PE lessons. If your child is unable to take part in PE for any reason, please contact the school office. It is a good idea for children to have a spare pair of trainers in school throughout the week so that they are able to participate in Golden Mile and Outdoor Learning.

Homework

In Kingfisher Class, homework is not mandatory however, it is a great tool to aid your child's independent learning and helps them to consolidate what they have been learning in school. The following list explains the homework which will be issued. In order to reduce books being transferred to and from school we will have a new system in place for homework. Children will be provided with a Home Learning book to keep at home however, I will be posting the homework through Class Dojo and would like to see completed homework posted on your child's portfolio, rather than being physically sent back to school. I will be able to provide feedback for children on Class Dojo. Homework will be issued every Friday.

Reading Comprehension - I will be asking children to access Oxford Reading Owl online and to select a book from their school book band. Please see the attached help sheet for support with this.

Maths - Children will be given a weekly maths task to complete which will cover a range of mathematical fields to help children build on their skills and knowledge throughout the year.

Spelling - Children will have a list of key words to learn and will be tested on their spelling list every Friday.

Topic - Children will receive a Topic Homework Grid once every term or half term, depending on the topic. They will be asked to complete any three of the activities during the half term. We try to incorporate a range of creative activities and learning styles, so please try to encourage your child to complete these - children always have a lot of fun doing them!

Reading - As part of your child's homework we would like you to encourage him/her to read independently at home.

Y2 - As your child is in their last year of KS1, please try to encourage them to read for sustained periods of time - an average of 10 minutes at least three times a week.

Y3 - As your child is now in the KS2 phase of their education, they should be reading for greater lengths of time on a more independent basis - an average of 20 minutes at least three times per week.

It is important that children read a variety of material, such as fiction, non-fiction and poetry. It is not always necessary for your child to read aloud however, asking your child simple questions about what they have read is extremely valuable and ensures understanding of the text. Please ensure that your child has their reading record with them on their reading day.

Your child's reading day is: Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
Please enter any reading that is done at home (reading records do not just have to contain reading from school books). Reading from a variety of places such as home, school or local library is always beneficial.

Class Dojo

Class Dojo is our points based rewards system in school. Children can earn points individually for behavior and achievements in learning. It should be noted that points can also be taken away for undesirable behavior. Due to the present climate, Class Dojo will be a main tool used for communication and for posting homework so we ask that all parents connect.

Food Allergies / Medicine

Please be aware that our First Aid staff are only permitted to administer medication if prescribed by a GP or hospital doctor. If your child does have any medication that needs to be taken or stored at school, please tell us and we can give you the appropriate forms to complete.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you

Mrs Lehman
Class Teacher

Oxford Owl online reading

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- Book Band 10: White
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- Book Band 11+: Lime+
- Book Band 12: Brown

Again

Wilbur & Wilbur STAY AT HOME

EVERYBODY WORRIES

The Haircut

The Hedgehog

The Lost Teddy

A Home for Ted

Bad Bug

Select a book of choice from the ebook library.

Read independently or with an adult.

Many texts will have activities or questions at the beginning and/ or end of the book.

Children can complete the activities and questions in a written format or create a short video of themselves. These can then be uploaded to your child's portfolio on Class Dojo.

If the texts do not contain questions or activities, your child can complete a book review instead. Again, this could be written or videoed if your child would prefer to discuss the text than provide formal written answers. The book review sheets will be posted on Class Dojo.

Level 1

A book review by: _____

Level 2

I hope this new means of reading comprehension homework will enable children to have more autonomy over their book choice and help children to learn and love reading!