

# Kingfishers – Year 2



Miss Couser

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### Science

Uses of everyday materials

Living things and their habitats

Animals including humans

Plants

Biodiversity Minibeasts

Scientists and inventors



# Topic

We use our topics as a foundation for the teaching of history and geography. We also make links to art, DT, music and dance.

#### Our topics this year will be:

- · Why is our world wonderful?
- How did we learn to fly?
- What is it like to live by the coast?
- · What is a monarch?
- Local weather
- A local famous person



### Homework

#### Spellings

- Spellings have been issued for the first term
- The spelling test will usually take place on a Monday



- In the Autumn term we will focus on number facts e.g. bonds to 20, doubles and halves
- Later, we will introduce times tables. The number facts / times table test will usually take place on Tuesdays
- Please note that we will initially test the multiplication facts E.g.  $3 \times 10 = 30$
- Following that, we will test the related division facts E.g. 30 ÷ 10 = 3

Passwords for TT Rockstars will be issued when we start the times tables



# Reading

Reading books along with reading records will be sent home on Mondays or Tuesdays and are to be returned to school the following Monday.

Children should read for a minimum of 10 minutes a day.

Please discuss the stories that the children read and ask them questions about what is happening, what they think will happen next and how they think the characters are feeling.

Please write in their diaries to confirm that you have heard them read and let us know about any difficulties or triumphs they have had.

We are continuously assessing the children and will move them on when they can accurately read 90% of the words independently and fluently.

Children may sometimes have reading books that they have had before. This is fine. Repeating books is proven to build confidence and consolidate understanding of previously met words and phrases.



### Phonics

In the Autumn term, we focus on the common exception words that they have been learning alongside their phonics.

Later, we will move onto the more complicated spelling rules and alternate pronunciations .

The children that need to retake the phonics screening will do so in June. They are taking part in phonics catch up sessions.

Phonics – Parent Workshop 3rd October @ 9am



## Uniform

Please ensure that all items of uniform are clearly named.

Kingfishers should wear their P.E. kit to school on Thursday.

Please ensure your child brings a named water bottle to school each day.



### Contact

If you wish to speak to me, please email the school office with a brief description of what you would like to talk about and it will be forwarded to me.

Please be aware that I do not check emails during the school day as I am in class.

I will reply as soon as possible.

