RINGFISHERS' CLASS NEWSLETTER

SPRING TERM 202

We hope you have all enjoyed a relaxing and joy filled Christmas break and we are excited to welcome you to school! We have lots of new and exciting things that we are looking forward to sharing with you all!

As we head into the Spring term, Kingfishers will continue to be taught by Mrs Steggles on a Monday and Tuesday, and then by Mr Robson Wednesday to Friday. If you have any questions or queries please don't hesitate to catch either of us or call the school office to book a meeting with us!

What we will be learning:

English: We will explore a range of text types in our writing lessons starting with a narrative based around the book 'The Journey'.

Guided Reading: In our guided reading lessons we will be reading the 'Nothing to see here Hotel' by Steven Butler.

Maths: This half term in Maths we will further develop our knowledge of multiplication and division as well as fractions. Times tables remains a key focus to support year 4 with their times tables check.

PE: PE lessons will take place on a **Monday** with Mrs Steggles teaching Gymnastics and Kingfishers will be **swimming** on a **Thursday** with Mr Robson.

History: After half term, Kingfishers will explore the Ancient Egyptians.

Geography: Our Geography unit this term will be studying the UK and we will be developing our map reading skills.

Science: During this term, we will learn all about rock types and how they form as well as investigating sounds and how they travel.

RE: In RE we will explore Christianity and the question: Is the cross a symbol of love, sacrifice or commitment for Christians?

PSHE: In PSHE we will be thinking all about our future 'Dreams and Goals'.

Computing: In our computing lessons we will continue to explore internet safety as well as developing our understanding of email.

Art: In Art this half term we will be introducing The Art of Display where we will be looking at sculpting.

Music: In music we will explore body and tuned percussion.

French: Our new French topic will be exploring animals.

Swimming and PE

We will be swimming this term starting on Thursday 9th January. Please ensure you child has a swimming costume, towel, swimming hat, goggles and a separate bag for these things. If possible please remove earrings, have long hair tied back and avoid tights to make changing easier. For PE lessons please ensure children have full kits including jumper and socks.

Homework

Thank you for all your support with home reading last term. This makes such a difference for each and every child. We ask that you continue to support us with reading at home at least 5 times per week and record this reading in your child's planner.

Also, with times tables being such a vital fundamental part of Maths, please continue to complete regular practise on TTRS at home.

Please check the front of your child's diary to see the times tables they are currently working on. If you have any issues using this site please don't hesitate to ask!

These key skills will remain a focus in school and children remain actively encouraged to access reading books and TTRS practise throughout the school day.