



Kingfisher Class Newsletter: Term 5



English

Our writing this term will include:

Writing a balanced argument based on our sentence stacking as a class answering 'Should We Feed Animals in National Parks?'

Writing a playscript based on the BBC school radio series 'The Plague Comes To Eyam'

Whilst working through these topics we will be focusing on the following:

In reading comprehension, we will be studying poems, non-fiction texts and stories linked to other areas of the curriculum, particularly linked with our history topic on Anglo-Saxons.

In grammar sessions, we will be focusing on using a mixture of coordinating and subordinating conjunctions and using paragraphs effectively.

Maths

Year 3s will be learning about:

Adding and subtracting fractions

Finding fractions of an amount

Adding and subtracting money

Telling time to the nearest minute and on a digital clock

Year 4s will recap some of the above topics and also:

Hundredths as fractions and decimals

Making a whole with decimals

Comparing and ordering decimals

Estimating and calculating with money

Converting between analogue and digital

We will also continue to develop our KIRFs and times table knowledge.

Science – Food and Our Bodies

This term, children will be learning all about food and our bodies. Kingfishers will be exploring balanced diets, the skeletal system in humans and animals, and the role of muscles and joints.



Computing

Kingfishers will be learning about simulations this term. They will learn to understand the purpose of these and explore how you can make different choices to create a different effect. They will work together to evaluate simulations and consider how they could improve them.



RE – What was the impact of Pentecost for Christians?

This term, children will be learning all about what Pentecost means to Christians now and how the Day of Pentecost influences how Christians live their lives today.



History – Was the Anglo-Saxon period really a Dark Age?

We will be learning about the Anglo-Saxons to argue whether or not this period deserves to be called a 'Dark Age'. We will be learning about who they were and why they chose to settle in England. Kingfishers will also explore archaeological evidence to find out more about how they lived and why Staffordshire Hoard was so significant.



Art – Light and Dark

Kingfishers will be investigating light and dark through mixed media and painting this term. We will be mixing and applying tints and shades of different colours in order to create paintings a three-dimensional effect. Children will create a still-life painting using their knowledge of light and dark as well as considering proportion and composition.

Music – Film

We will be focusing on learning listening to a variety of film soundtracks and compositions to understand how they are created and written. We will explore how to plan and play music to suit an emotional scene.

RSHE – Rights and Respect

Our RSHE topic this term will be focusing on rights and respect. Kingfishers will be continuing to think about how to stay safe and healthy before moving onto understanding what volunteers do to support our communities, learning about being sensible with money, and how we need to respect our environment.



French – Vegetables

This term in French lessons children will be learning how to say ten different vegetables in French before role playing a market stall where their peers and selves will have to ask for one kilo or a half a kilo of a particular vegetable or a selection of different ones.

Support from Home

Please ensure children are reading daily and practising their weekly spellings.

Spellings will always be set on Spelling Shed and they will be updated every Sunday. Please ask for support if your child is unsure of how to log on.

Times Tables

Please continue to work at home by supporting children in learning any unknown tables and also practising previously secure tables to ensure they remain confident in these.

The school subscriptions to sites that are useful for home learning are:

Mathletics, Times Table Rock Stars, Purple Mash, Spelling Shed