



Kingfisher Class Newsletter: Term 3



English

Our writing this term will include:

Writing an adventure story inspired by The Last Bear and linking to our work on climate zones in Geography

Writing a non-chronological report on earthquakes

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.

In grammar sessions, we will be focusing on using conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions as well as thinking about punctuating speech and fronted adverbials.

Maths

Year 3s will be learning about:

Multiplying and dividing 2-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers with exchanges

Measuring and finding equivalent lengths in millimetres, centimetres and metres

Calculating perimeter

Beginning work on fractions

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

Multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100

Measuring in kilometres

Calculating perimeter in polygons and finding missing lengths in rectilinear shapes

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

Science – Brilliant Bubbles!

This topic is a chance to explore some of the science that interests us and develops our 'working scientifically' skills.

We all enjoy blowing bubbles, but are they always spherical? Can we make square bubbles? What about different coloured bubbles or very tiny ones or ones that last for ages? This topic also looks at places we see bubbles other than when blowing them through soap mixtures, such as in food stuffs to produce lighter (less dense) products.

RE – What does it mean to be a Hindu in Britain today?

This term, children will be developing their understanding of Hinduism from Term 1 by exploring aspects of life today for Hindus in Britain. We will learn about ways they choose to show their faith, Hindu communities in Britain and understand a wider range of celebrations.



Computing

Kingfishers will be focusing on coding this term using Espresso Coding. This is a great tool for children to be using at home so please remind children that they can explore different coding activities on Purple Mash through the tool 2Code.

Geography – Why is climate important?

We will be learning about different ways of communicating geographical data, particularly through different styles of maps. We will be exploring how to read weather and climate maps while learning how these areas are generalised into world climate zones.

We will also explore different biomes and their different climates, soils, flora, fauna and human activity.

Art – Space

Kingfishers will be using 'space' as their inspiration for this drawing unit. Among this wonderful unit, we will be looking at illustrations from the 'Space Race' era, using our sketchbooks to explore drawing through line, tone, shape and texture, and gaining inspiration from Teis Albers's piece 'Moonwalk' to create collagraph printing plates.

Music – Advanced Rhythms

We will be focusing on the exploration of different rhythmic patterns in music to support us in finding the pulse in a variety of musical pieces. We will create our own compositions that will be performed to the rest of the class in groups.

RSHE – Valuing Differences

Our RSHE topic this term will be focusing on problems such as stereotypes as well as discussing how we can celebrate the different people we share our world with and appreciate our friends for the things that make them unique.



French – Les Glaces (Ice Creams)

Yum yum! This term Kingfishers will be learning how to name and recognise up to 10 different flavours of ice cream whilst also learning how to ask for a scoop (or more) in a cone or pot.

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