



This Half Term in Kingfishers!

WONDERS OF THE NATURAL WORLD!

Get ready for an exciting journey around the globe! This half term, Kingfishers will be exploring the amazing **Wonders of the Natural World**. We will travel (virtually!) from the snowy peaks of Mount Everest to the colourful coral of the Great Barrier Reef, discovering some of the most spectacular places on Earth. Along the way, we will learn where these natural wonders are found, what makes them unique and why they are important. Through map work, investigations and creative activities, we will develop our geographical skills while gaining a greater appreciation of our incredible world.

WHAT WILL BE LEARNED:

Maths	This half term, Mrs Ponsford will be teaching the Number strand of the curriculum. The children will revisit and build upon their understanding of place value, partitioning and ordering numbers up to 1,000. They will also develop their addition and subtraction skills, learning formal written methods and exploring how to cross 100 without exchanging. At the beginning of each week, Mrs Bates will teach the Space, Shape and Measure strand of the curriculum. We will start by learning about length and perimeter before moving on to money, developing practical skills and confidence in applying mathematics to everyday situations.
English	This half term, our English learning will be inspired by the captivating novel <i>'When the Mountains Roared'</i> . Through our reading, we will journey to the breathtaking Himalayas, exploring the setting and using rich vocabulary to write our own detailed setting descriptions. We will also learn about the magnificent snow leopard and the challenges it faces in the wild. Using our knowledge and research, we will write persuasive letters as part of our Save the Snow Leopards! campaign, encouraging others to help protect this incredible animal and its habitat.
Science	We will be learning about Rocks and Fossils.
Geography (History not taught this half term)	This half term, we will become Earth Adventurers as we explore some of the most powerful and fascinating features of our planet. We will discover how mountains, rivers, earthquakes and volcanoes shape the world around us, as well as investigate the journey of water through the water cycle. Through exciting investigations, map work and hands-on activities, we will develop our geographical skills while learning about the incredible forces of nature that make our world so amazing. .
Art/D.T	In Art, we will be studying the artist 'Ted Harrison' and exploring different colour mixing and texture techniques to recreate a landscape.
PE	This half term, we will be learning how to move with a ball, motor skills and take part in some Orienteering.
French	Oracy and Vocabulary to build up French dialect.
Computing	This half term our computing unit is 'iNetwork'.
R.E	In R.E we will be studying Christianity and exploring the question 'How do Christians show that reconciliation with God and others is important'.
Music	This half term, we will be composing and recording our own music using percussion instruments.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Please remember to label all your child's clothing with their name.
- Ensure your child's PK kit is in school and is weather appropriate for lessons outside.
- Please do not send your child into school wearing jewellery. Small stud earrings can be worn but must be removed for PE.
- Don't forget to send your child into school everyday with a water bottle, their reading diaries, reading book and a coat.
- Your child's book change day will be the same day each week, and will be written in the front of their reading diary.

HOMEWORK EXPECTATIONS

- Reading at home 4 times per week
- Weekly access to Times Tables Rockstars (logins will be stuck in the front of reading diaries)
- 1 spelling activity linking to the rule taught in class (Set: Friday Due: The following Friday)
- Regular practise of common exception words

DATES TO REMEMBER

- PE will be on a Tuesday and Thursday
- Library day will be a Wednesday
- Friday 11th September– Keys to Success Meetings (9.15-9.45am **or** 2.45-3.15pm)
- Thursday 18th September– Flu Vaccinations
- Friday 9th October/Monday 12th October– PD days
- Friday 16th October– Individual photos
- Look and Share– Wednesday 21st October 3.30-4pm/ Thursday 22nd October 8.30-9am
- Monday 26th-30th October– Half Term

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