

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024



Dear Parents,

I hope you have all had an enjoyable and restful Christmas and are ready for a fun packed start to 2024. I am very excited to be taking over and building on the work of Mrs English and look forward to working with you and your children over the course of the year.

This term our learning is inspired by the theme of '**Settlers and Settlements**'. We will combine geographical work on settlements with historical skills to build upon our previous learning about the Romans to understand the lives of the following group of invaders and settlers in England. Children will be introduced to how settlements have developed over time, using a variety of maps and atlases as well as understanding how early settlers provided many of the settlements we have today. Within this topic, we shall also be using our historical skills to understand why the Saxons came to settle in Britian, how they lived and the impact we still see in modern everyday life of their time here. Our DT will be linked with children creating their own Anglo Saxon settlement and learning about how Saxons used natural dyes to colour their clothes. Children will continue to build on their reading and writing skills to write a range of poetry, fiction and non-fiction texts across the term, including kennings, riddles, instructional, non-chronological and persuasive texts.

**A note for your diary: we shall be visiting West Stow on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March. Details will follow shortly.**

In maths, we will start the term learning about analogue and digital time, applying this knowledge to solve real life problems. We shall start to look at measures within real life contexts and continue to build on our multiplication and division skills, including fractions. Rapid and random recall of times tables and corresponding division facts remains a priority, and support here at home will be greatly welcomed.

Library books will be exchanged on Wednesdays. PE will take place on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Please ensure children have a kit in school for indoor and outdoor PE lessons. This should consist of:

- a warm tracksuit (a dark colour may be preferable as the field gets muddy);
- T-shirt;
- navy shorts
- a pair of socks, trainers and a plastic bag for muddy trainers.

Home learning for your child will continue to consist of:

- daily reading and discussion with an adult. This is extremely important for the development of your child's comprehension throughout key stage 2. We would welcome anyone who has the time (however much to spare) to come and listen to the children read during the school day. Please do get in touch.
- a weekly comprehension exercise, via Class NoteBook to be discussed and supported, as required, with an adult.
- practising the spelling of tricky words;

- practising rapid and random recall of target times tables and division facts;
- a weekly maths activity or mymaths learning, available via Class Notebook;
- telling the time on analogue and digital clocks, as well as relating this understanding to solve real life problems.

Your interest and involvement is extremely important to your child's happiness and progress. I am sure there will be an adjustment period for all of us as we start the term. Should you or your child have any worries or questions please do not hesitate to contact me (kingfishers.nayland@suffolk.sch.uk) to discuss any issues, although please do not send any changes to end of day arrangements on the day as this email is NOT checked throughout the day.

I look forward to meeting you all.

Kind regards,

Mrs Fox,  
Kingfisher Class Teacher