



# Term 1 in Kingfishers, Woodpeckers and Herons

## Year 3 and Year 4

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### Mathematics

Both Year 3 and Year 4 will be starting the term exploring place value. Year 3 will be using numbers up to 1000 and Year 4 will be using numbers up to 10 000. There will be a focus on reading and writing these numbers, comparing and ordering.

Following on from this unit, both year groups will be exploring addition and subtraction.

Every day, children in Year 3 and 4 have a dedicated times table lesson. More information about how we teach times tables is available on our school website.

### Science

Our Science focus this term will be light and shadows. We will be learning about sources of light, both natural and artificial. We will learn how shadows are formed and how they can be changed, including shadows formed by blocking the sun's light. We will go on to investigate reflection of light by various surfaces. The second part of our topic will be sound. We will learn how sound is produced, how it travels and how we can change how well sound travels. Finally, we will learn the definitions of pitch and volume and investigate both. Our new knowledge will help us create simple musical instruments and to know how to change the sounds they produce in different ways.

### English

In English this term, we will be using our class book 'The Princess' blanket' to help us our own fairy tale. We will be identifying the features of fairy tales and we will be exploring how we can write powerful tales.

Later on, in the term, we will be writing and delivering our own environmental speech based on current issues.

We will continue to have a weekly author hour session.

The children have been assessed and will be either continue with Read, Write Inc (RWI) phonics or they will move to RWI spellings.

### PE

This term, we will be focusing on personal skills within our PE sessions using Real PE. This will include recognising personal strengths and weaknesses, setting appropriate targets, persevering with a task and challenging ourselves.

Woodpeckers have PE on a Thursday and Friday.  
Kingfishers have PE on a Wednesday and Friday  
Heron have PE on a Tuesday and Thursday  
Please ensure children arrive to school in correct PE kit. PE will be outside.

### Italian

We will have a weekly Italian lesson where we will continue to develop our language skills.

### Guided Reading

This term will be reading 'The Princess' blanket' by Carol Ann Duffy. The story tells the story of a young princess who can never feel warm, a worried king and queen, a stranger in black with hard grey eyes, and a musician with a kind and good heart.

Within our Guided Reading sessions, we will be focus on the content domains of reading such as retrieval, inference, summarising and predicting.

The children are currently being assessed and may bring home a reading book. Children are allowed to bring in books to read from home during their reading for pleasure time.

### RE

The children will be learning about Hinduism. We will be answering the question 'Why does a Hindu want to collect good karma?'

### PSHE

Every term, we will start with a PSHE unit. We will be following the JIGSAW scheme of work. Our first unit is called 'Being in my world.'

### Computing

We will continue to have a weekly computing lesson. We will be following a unit of work from Purple Mash. The children can access Purple Mash at home if they wish