



Term 1 in Kingfishers and Woodpeckers

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.

English

We will begin the term by looking at the wordless picture book 'Flotsam' and producing a short piece of descriptive writing. Then we will use our class book 'Mousehole Cat' by Antonia Barber to inspire our story writing.

The children's spelling will be assessed and they will either continue with Read, Write Inc (RWI) phonics or they will move to RWI spellings. In due course, we will introduce spellings to be taken home each week.

Guided Reading

This term will be reading 'Pugs of the Frozen North' by Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre. Within our Guided Reading sessions, we will be focus on the content domains of reading such as retrieval, inference, summarising and predicting.

The children's reading levels are currently being assessed. They will bring home a reading book and reading record so that we can work together to help them to enjoy books and develop as readers.

We encourage you to read to your children at home, in addition to hearing them read their individual books.

Science

Our Science focus this term will be 'light and sound'. We will start by looking at why we need light and how shadows are formed. Then we will look at how sounds are produced, how vibrations travel and pitch/volume.

We will be performing investigations around how distance affects sound.

We will have plenty of books in school if children would like to find out more, but we will celebrate any children who choose to do independent research about any aspect of our topic. Trowbridge library or BBC Bitesize are great places to start.

PE

Woodpeckers have PE on a Monday and Wednesday. Kingfishers have PE on a Tuesday and Wednesday. Please ensure children arrive to school in correct PE kit. PE may be outside.

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.

On a Wednesday, we will have Up and Under football with Jade.

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 SCARF scheme of work. Our first unit is called 'Me and my relationships.'

Computing

We will 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