

Friday 11th January 2019

Dear children and parents,

Happy New Year and welcome to the spring term in Kingfishers' class. Please find attached an overview of the curriculum in each subject.

Mayan Madness is our topic for the spring term with an emphasis on geography and DT: How did the Maya transport goods and what did they trade? We will discover their impressive expertise, the logistics and the daunting geography that they had to overcome. Children will find out how they knew about the wheel, but didn't use it. They will take part in role-play trading games, make models and maps.

PE will be on Wednesday, which will be dance and hockey. Children will be completing the daily mile; always needing a pair of trainers in school. To make the most of any opportunities for unprompted outdoor learning, it is best to ensure that PE kits remain in school during weekdays. Please could you ensure that children are provided with a **full PE kit**. See our school website for details.

Kingfishers' **library slot is on Tuesday**, where children can browse our selection and books and choose a new read weekly.

An exciting **school trip**, with geography and STEM foci, has been organized to see behind the scenes of Stansted Airport! This will take place on **Friday 15th February** jointly with Frogs' class. **Sports Hall Athletics** is happening on **23rd January**. Letters with more details will follow.

Home-learning grids have been sent home with your child today. I expect all children to read for 15 minutes daily, and practise times tables to keep them fresh: www.mathletics.com is a helpful resource for this. I am also inviting children to spend 1 hour per week on completing home-learning tasks from the grid. This can be achieved by either choosing one task per week, or spending longer completing a task over a series of weeks. If you find this difficult, please aim to complete one task per week. The home-learning grid has enough tasks to last the entire term. Children are welcome to decorate and personalise the cover of their home-learning books as they see fit. We will share, celebrate and give feedback to children on the last Friday afternoon before each half term. (Friday 8th February & Friday 29th March)

Optional extras:

- www.spellingframe.co.uk can be used for practising spellings
- Year 6 parents and children can access all of the previous SATs papers and marking schemes from many places on the web eg <http://www.satspapers.org.uk/Page.aspx?TId=5>
- The CGP range of work books are very useful, and can be bought for either year 5 or 6 children <https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/>. They can be purchased via online retailers such as Amazon or in store at places like WHSmith or Waterstones.

Please don't hesitate to ask, if you have any questions.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Fradd & Miss Everitt

Kingfishers' Spring Term 2019

	Spring 1st	Spring 2nd
Topic name	Mayan Madness	
Wow moment	Visit to Stansted Airport	
English	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Narrative: myths • Recounts • non-chronological reports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Persuasion • Diary • Poetry
Maths	Fractions decimals	Percentages Algebra Angles Shape Position & Direction
Science	Animals including Humans (Year 5)	Electricity
RE	Christmas: Mystery of Christmas <i>DS</i>	Founders of different religions <i>ESW</i>
Computing	Online Safety Dilemmas	My Online life
Geography	Human dispersal around the world Logistics of trade Farming Terrain and climate	
History	The Maya Maths & Calendar Writing Cities & Architecture Trade Religion	
DT	Mask making glyph making	
Art	Sculpture Still-life drawing	
PSHE	Stress management and mindfulness	
PE	Dance	Hockey
Music	Make You Feel My Love	Fresh Prince of Bel Air
French	French people around the world	