

Thursday 6th September 2018

Dear children and parents,

Welcome to the autumn term in Kingfishers' class. We trust you enjoyed the well-deserved break and are as excited and enthusiastic about the term as we are! Please find attached an overview of the curriculum in each subject.

The Space Race is our exciting new topic for the autumn term. We will be learning about: the history of the Cold War; the science of space; study Lunar rocks; focus on a female astronaut, critically assess some Moon-landing conspiracies and make our own edible meteorites. We are also being visited by a mobile planetarium on the 2nd October, kindly supported by FODS. This topic is on course to be out of this world!

PE will be on Wednesday and 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 of books and choose a new read weekly.

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 12th October & Friday 15th December)

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 & Mrs Woodman

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	Autumn 1st	Autumn 2nd
Topic name	The Space Race!	
Wow moment	https://www.sciencehorizons.co.uk/planetarium Planetarium hire Real moon rocks on loan from NASA http://www.stfc.ac.uk/public-engagement/activities-for-schools/borrow-the-moon/	
English	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Narrative: a modern retelling from one view point • Non-chronological reports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remembrance Poetry • Discussion and journalism • Fantasy quest story
Maths	Place value Four operations	Four operations Prime numbers Statistics
Science	Earth & Space	Light
RE	Harvest: Our Place In Creation <i>DS</i>	Saints <i>DS</i>
Computing	Earth and Space (Let's Explore Our Galaxy) In this appitivity children will be exploring the earth and space using technology.	Website Designers The project culminates in the children presenting their website to the rest of the class and providing a rational behind choosing the content that they have used.
Geography	Mountains, Volcanoes Earthquakes Climate zones	
History	The Space Race Sputnik Yuri Gagarin President Kennedy The Moon Landing The Cold War Space Shuttle Columbia	
DT	Making edible meteorites/ making volcanoes/ topography	
Art	Patterns	
PSHE	e-safety	anti-bullying week
PE	Rugby	Benchball Cross Country running
Music	Livin' On A Prayer	Classroom Jazz 1
French	The perfect outfit	