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Dear Parent/carers

Hello! I am so looking forward to teaching this class, and doing some amazing learning together! We will be starting off the year with a brief focus on Weather. We'll investigate different types of weather and set up some weather recording that will then continue through the whole year. Then we will move onto our main topic question for the Autumn term, Do inventions and discoveries change life for the better? This question will be explored by finding out about the Victorian period in history and thinking about how life has changed. We will have a brilliant opportunity to experience what life was like in a Victorian school with a class trip – more information to follow soon.

In Maths, we will start with the value of digits in numbers and then moving on to addition and subtraction. I will be watching out for any gaps in Maths knowledge and adjust learning as required.

Our Literacy work will be based around relevant books that we read together in class. We will also do regular reading tasks in class, and there will be spellings to learn each fortnight. These will not come home, but be learnt together in school. Additionally, you child will have their individual Focus Five words, unique to them, that they will be trying to spell correctly in their work.

We will be listening to each child read, so please make sure they bring their book and Reading Record in each day.

Science work for this term will include looking at light and the Victorian scientists who invented the light bulb. We will also be learning about different types of rocks and soils, which links back in with weather.

Kingfishers will be learning Spanish this year, starting off with numbers and, in true British style, talking about the weather! We will continue using PATHS to support our regular Personal, Social and Health learning, while in PE we are kicking off with Hockey. We will have PE on Wednesday afternoons, except for 3 weeks when we have Harry from Magpies coming in to teach the class on Friday 17th Sep, Friday 24th Sep and Friday 1st Oct. (On these 3 weeks we will not do PE on Wednesday). On the days that we do PE, please send your child to school wearing their PE kit (like you did last year).

In RE we will be learning about light as a symbol in Christianity and the class will have music with Mrs Grant every Tuesday afternoon.

I hope to invite all parents of children in Kingfishers into school when we are able, to discuss how you can support your child at home with their reading, and share some ideas. In the meantime, I have included some ideas about how you can support your child's leaning at home.

If you have any questions or need to discuss anything, please do email me.

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How can I help my child?

1. Help them understand what they read

As reading comprehension is so important this year, checking your child's understanding of the book they are reading is an excellent way to support them. You can help them engage with their reading on a deeper level by asking questions about the plot such as:

- Can you predict what might happen next?
- Why do you think the boy is feeling sad?
- What sort of mood is being created?
- Can you think of a different word for....?

You can also do this when you are reading to them, which is still so important! Children learn a lot from the way we read aloud.

Also, think about pointing out statements, commands, questions, or exclamations when reading with your child. You might want to use a range of voices to show how types of sentences and punctuation can be read in different ways.

2. Mix it up

Giving your child access to a variety of writing styles – including a range of fiction and non-fiction books – will expand their vocabulary and knowledge as well as develop their reading fluency.

3. Log in to Maths-Shed

Your child has a log in and there are a variety of Maths activities they can access.

4. Explore real-life maths

Any opportunity to use maths in a real-life context is really useful. For example, ask them to help you pay for goods or calculate change when shopping. This will help to develop their reasoning and problem solving skills. Learning to tell the time, especially to five minutes, is another great way to support your child's learning at home.

Perhaps most importantly for maths, you can help your child at home by practising their times tables (2, 5 and 10) regularly. There are many different ways you can do this, and be sure to include division too eg. not just knowing that 10×2 is 20, but also realising that 20 divided by 2 is 10.

To support their learning, you will already have an idea of what will make times tables stick in your child's mind, whether that's singing them, putting them into practice with puzzles, playing games with them or writing them out. For example, you could use journey time to school to give your child fun times table challenges.

5. Encourage independence

Finally, you can develop their independence at home by encouraging your child to get dressed on their own or organise their belongings more independently. This will help enormously as they move up through the school!