

Year 1 and 2 Newsletter: Term 1



E-ACT The Kingfisher
School

Friday 6th September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers of Year 1 and 2 children,

Welcome back to Term 1! I hope your summer break was restful and enjoyable and that you are looking forward to this year as much as I am!

Phonics and Early Reading:

In Year 1, we have a daily phonics session where children learn the alternative graphemes (spellings) for the phonemes (sounds) they have already learnt.

In addition to this, children will have three group reading sessions to support the development of their reading fluency, expression and understanding. They will take this to read at home to read with you. Children are expected to read at home a minimum of three times a week and this must be recorded in their reading record.

Year 2 children will also follow our new whole-school reading programme, Pathways to Reading. They will have a daily reading sessions based around the books; Troll by Julia Donaldson and The Three Billy Goats Gruff by Mara Alperin.

Spellings

We will focus on learning the common exception words for year 1 and year 2. Children in year 2 will have spellings to learn each week from the beginning of term 2.

Library

Our library slot is on a **Friday**. Please send returned books in on a Friday morning. You child will have an opportunity to select a book that interests them to share with you at home. Please be aware that they will need to return the book borrowed in the previous week to be able to take a new book home.

Reading regularly at home, will improve your child's reading speed and comprehension. Please encourage your child to read regularly and talk to them about their reading to help them develop these crucial skills.

P.E:

P.E will be on a **Monday** and **Wednesday**. Children will need to ensure they wear their P.E kit into school. Kits are white top and black jogging bottoms/shorts/leggings and appropriate footwear.

English

We are using a new and exciting English curriculum this year and all of our learning will be inspired by books!

Core texts: Meesha Makes Friends by Tom Percival and Katie in London by

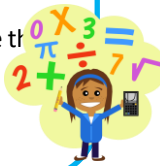


Mathematics

Core Maths lessons – We start this year with our Number units: Place

Value (within 20), Addition and Subtraction (within 20) and then explore Geometry by looking at the properties of shapes.

Mastering Number – We are also starting Mastering Number a daily programme that helps pupils to develop fluency and understanding when working numbers.

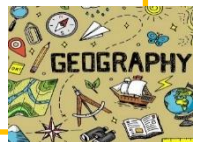


Wider Curriculum:

Week 1 – 4: Geography: Answering the question What do I know about where I live and learning about the four countries that make up the United Kingdom.

Week 5-6: DT: Textiles – making a logo

Week 6 – 8: Science: Learning about and observing seasonal changes.



Kind regards,

Sarah Griffin

Key Dates:

125/10/24 – End of term 1 (Friday)

