

Year 3/4 Newsletter: Term 2



E-ACT The Kingfisher
School

Friday 8th November 2024

Dear Parents/Carers of Year 3/4 Children,

I hope you all had a great half term and a lovely break! It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school and they have settled back into routines brilliantly this week.

Spellings:

Spellings should be practised at home 5 times a week and are sent out every Friday.

Overviews were sent out this week. Please do let me know if your child requires another copy.

Completed spelling sheets must be placed in the homework tray every Friday morning.

Reading:

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.

Children are expected to read a minimum of 3 times a week and recorded in their reading record on a weekly basis.

Children are responsible for changing their books on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Reading records must be in school every day regardless of whether your child has read or not.

P.E:

P.E will be on a **Monday and Wednesday afternoon** 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. Year 4 will continue to attend swimming lessons every **Wednesday**. Please make sure your child has appropriate swimwear and a towel or contact the school office if you need help with this.

Key Dates:

25.11.24 – Assessment Week
w/c 11.11.24 – Anti-bullying Week
15.11.24 – Children In Need
19.12.24 – Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day



English

In writing, we are focussing on key fantasy features in narrative such as metaphor, simile and descriptive devices to create a sense of wonder for the reader. In reading, we will be developing our inference and comprehension skills to aid our understanding of a text. We will also be developing reading fluency through guided group reads.

Core texts: This term we are looking at the text 'Nen and the lonely fisherman' a beautiful story about friendship and compassion. We will be using this text to write our own narratives based on the fantasy theme. In reading, we are looking at a rather chilling tale; 'Ice Palace' – can Ivan save his brother from the mysterious Starjik?



Mathematics

Core Maths lessons – At the beginning of the term we will be focusing on addition and subtraction using concrete resources, pictures and the column method. Later in the term we will be starting our unit on multiplication and division.

Daily times table practise – We will continue with our KFS times tables. We have completed our 10s, 5s and 2s – now we will move onto our 3s and 4s.

Weekly times table test – Each Friday, the class will complete their Cracking times table test.

Wider Curriculum:

Week 1 – 3: History: How have homes changed from the Stone Age to the Occupation?

Week 4 – 5: Computing (programming and internet safety)

Week 6 – 7: DT: Create a pulley device.

Kind regards,

Katie Mercer

