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| **Kingfisher Newsletter Autumn Term 2023** |
| **Welcome to Kingfisher Class.**  We are very excited to welcome back the Year 3 children who were with us last year and welcome the new Year 2 children to Kingfisher Class. Please find an overview of our learning below. |
| **Staffing**  Kingfisher class teachers are Mrs Casalis on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning and Mrs Brading on Wednesday afternoon, Thursday and Friday. We are very pleased to have Mrs Hazzard and Mrs Farmer as our LSA’s every morning. Miss Pollard will join Kingfisher class as our LSA during the afternoons. |
| **Maths**  Both year groups will be learning about the place value of numbers , working with 2 digit numbers (Year 2) and 3 digit numbers (Year 3) They will explore the properties of shapes as well as moving forward with addition and subtraction skills. They will develop reasoning skills and be able to use their skills in different contexts. Year 3 will have daily TTrock stars tests to build up their knowledge of multiplication facts. |
| **English**  This term in Kingfisher class we will be focusing on how we can develop a sense of setting in our writing. We will be using the talk for writing process to learn the story of the Magic Porridge Pot and adapt this to create our own versions. Following this we will move on to non-fiction writing where children will learn how to write their own recount. In the second half of this Autumn term we will be exploring poetry and working on creating a sense of character within our story writing. |
| **Art:** The artist the children will focus on is Vincent Van Gogh, developing drawing skills using a variety of media. They will learn to draw a way of recording experiences and feelings. Discuss use of shadows, Use of light and dark. Sketch to make quick records. They will explore colour and will make as many tones of one colour as possible (using white) and darken colours without using black.  **DT:** The topic this term is about Structures called ‘Baby Bear’s Chair’. Children will explore stability and methods to strengthen structures, to understand Baby Bear’s chair weaknesses and develop an improved solution for him to use.  **Music:** Our theme is learning about British songs and sounds. creating sounds to represent three contrasting landscapes: seaside, countryside and city (Geography link) Nativity (Year 2 only) |
| **Science:** Our topic this term explores ‘Animals, including humans.’ They will find out about and describe the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival (water, food and air) They will learn about the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene. In the second half of term they will learn about the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans. They will identify the different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions and construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey. |
| **PE**  Children will have two PE lessons a week one with Mrs Rose and one with Mrs Casalis. Throughout this term children will be taught a range of fundamental skills alongside a focus on Gymnastics, Dance and Invasion Games. |
| **Topic**  During the first half of this term the children will have a history topic and be looking at answering the questions ‘ Why do we celebrate Remembrance Day?’. Within this children will explore what it was like to be a soldier in WW1, as well as learning about the life of Walter Tull. They will also develop an understanding of why the symbol of the poppy and war memorials are so important for remembrance. After half term, our Geography topic will start to explore the countries of the UK and Europe. We will compare human and physical features of different areas within the UK. |
| **RE:** The children will learn about the Christian creation story and explore’big questions’such as ‘Who made the universe?’They will learn how and why humans have a duty of care for the earth. In the second half of the term the children will learn about why Christmas is important to Christians and the birth of Jesus as well as exploring the ways in which Christians celebrate. |
| **PSHE**  We will start PSHE this year with a focus on creating rules for our classroom and using our No Outsiders program with a focus on ‘everyone is welcome.’ Throughout the rest of the term we will cover online safety, anti-bulling and learning about friends and families. |
| **Computing**  Computing systems and networks children will develop their understanding of what information technology is (IT), begin to identify examples, discuss how IT improves our world, and learn about the importance of using IT responsibly. Following this the children will learn about digital photography and will gain experience capturing, editing, and improving photos. |
| **Homework**  The main homework task is to read as much as possible. Daily if possible but at least four times a week. This will make a huge difference to the progress your child will make. Please initial and comment in your child’s planner when you have heard them read. Spellings: Your child will have a spelling test every Friday and will need help to practise them at home. Thank you! |