



WELCOME TO  
KINGFISHER CLASS



# A QUICK INTRODUCTION

Hello to all the parents and carers! My name is Mr McGann and I am the class teacher for Years 3 and 4.

Having recently graduated from the University of Gloucestershire, I am now extremely looking forward to kickstarting my career with this wonderful class!

I have put together a few bits of information that you might find useful for the new school year.



# WHAT WILL TERM 1 LOOK LIKE FOR KINGFISHERS?

This term we have lots of exciting topics coming up.

- In Maths, we are starting with Place Value and then moving onto Addition and Subtraction units later in the term. We will be spending time assessing any gaps still remaining after the lockdowns so that we can spend time on these areas too.
- In English, we are starting with a topic on writing a narrative story using *The BFG* as our inspiration. Later in the term, we will also explore and write instructions.
- In Science, our topic is Magnets and we have some fantastic experiments and investigations to explore how magnets work.
- Please see this terms Knowledge Organisers for a summary of what we will be learning in Science and History.

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| Monday    | Registration /<br>3 Minute Maths /<br>Spellings /TT<br>Rockstars | Book Talk     | Worship     |             | English        | Break         | Maths           | Class Novel   | Lunchtime    | Individual Reading | French – Miss Dunn                | Music – Miss Dunn  |
| Tuesday   | Registration /<br>3 Minute Maths /<br>Spellings /TT<br>Rockstars | Grammar       |             |             | English        |               | Maths           |               |              |                    | History                           | Computing          |
| Wednesday | Registration /<br>3 Minute Maths /<br>Spellings /TT<br>Rockstars | Book Talk     |             |             | English        |               | Maths           |               |              |                    | RE                                | RSHE               |
| Thursday  | Registration /<br>3 Minute Maths /<br>Spellings /TT<br>Rockstars | Book Talk     |             |             | PE – Mr Peters |               | Maths / English |               |              |                    | PE – Mr Peters<br><br>1:00 – 1:40 | Science – Miss Law |
| Friday    | Registration /<br>3 Minute Maths /<br>Spellings /TT<br>Rockstars | Spelling Test |             |             | English        |               | Maths           |               |              |                    | Art                               |                    |



# PE

This term, PE will be taking place on Thursday mornings and afternoons with Mr Peters.

Please can children arrive at school wearing their PE kit so they do not have to change in school. They will also need a water bottle and a hat for sunny days.



# FRENCH, MUSIC, AND SCIENCE

This term, French and Music will be taught on a Monday afternoon by Miss Dunn, whilst Science will be taught by Miss Law on a Thursday afternoon.



# ASSESSMENTS

During the first few weeks back we will be carrying out more assessments than we would usually. This is to gather a baseline of where all children currently are with each subject and assess areas needing more input this year.

These assessments will include:

- Star Reader
- Spellings - SWST
- Rising Stars Grammar and Reading Comprehension
- Writing Assessment
- Ready to Progress Maths Tests
- Times Tables



# HOMework

There will be homework set weekly on a Thursday which will be handed in on the following Wednesday. The work will be sent home in their homework book and, unless otherwise specified, should be completed in the book.

TT Rock Stars and Mathletics - We will be using both of these websites to support the maths we are doing in class. TT Rock Stars focuses on building confidence in recalling the times tables whereas Mathletics will link to the topic we are doing in class. This term it will be Place Value, Addition and Subtraction.

Spelling Shed -New words will be uploaded each Monday. The site has lots of games to play to practise spellings or your child may wish to do a Look, Cover, Write, Check approach like we do in class. Whatever works best for them is fine! We will be doing a spelling test once a week to check these.

Be sure to let me know if you're child is struggling (or if they want more!).





# AT HOME LEARNING

Reading is one of the most important things that your child can do outside of the classroom. Similar to last year, all children will receive a reading record that must be signed by a parent or carer everyday.

Being read to is also a great way to help their learning. Research suggests that exposing children to books that are more challenging than those that they would read independently can greatly improve their comprehension and vocabulary.

By the end of year 4, pupils should know their times tables to 12. To help this, children are encouraged to practice their times tables everyday. This can be done by using the online game 'Times Table Rockstars'. Pupils will have their login information for this, however, if you have trouble logging on please do let me know.



# EXPECTATIONS

In Kingfisher class, pupils learn in a space where they are allowed to make mistakes, where they can try new things and where they can feel proud of their work.

To help create the best possible learning environment, I expect to see all children showing respect and kindness to teachers, classmates and all others in the school. Whilst we will have lots of fun in class, the class rules must be followed in order for all pupils to learn in a safe and happy space.

Having spent some time with the new Year 4s at the end of last term, I know they will do a wonderful job in stepping up as role models for our new Year 3s. As for the Year 3s, I have heard lots of brilliant things about them from Miss Mesney! I am really looking forward to working with both year groups in a kind, happy, and respectful environment!



# SCHOOL AWARDS

Every week we have a *Celebration Worship* where selected children are awarded the *Star of the Week* certificate. This might be for academic achievement, good progress, perseverance, a WOW moment or going above and beyond to help another child.

Each week we have certificates given out to reward work done online using Mathletics. We also give out awards from Accelerated Reader for termly reading targets being achieved. When we spot one of our Christian values being enacted children are awarded with a special certificate to recognise when they have been kind, courageous, respectful, curious etc

Every so often we give out our most special award - *The Socks Off Award*. This award is given to a child when we have seen them consistently working their socks off . In school this would look like always trying their best in all lessons, persevering when things got hard, being a role model for the school consistently. We also require children to demonstrate that they are working hard at home, completing all homework, reading daily, practising their KIRFS in maths etc. The children receive a pair of special socks, a certificate and the biggest round of applause of them all !



# GETTING IN TOUCH

Whilst I'm sure you may have other questions, I hope this information gives you an insight into school life this year. If you have any questions or concerns please do get in contact by emailing the school office at [admin@northcerney.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@northcerney.gloucs.sch.uk) where any emails for Kingfishers will be directed to me. If at any point you have a worry or concern, please do not hesitate to speak with me. The sooner we know about a concern, the sooner and easier it can be resolved.

If there is something that you would like to discuss in person, please let me know and we can schedule a time to do so. I will be available during pick up time on the days that I am teaching for those that would like a quick word. Please note that teachers are generally unavailable at the start of the day as we are setting up the learning for the day ahead.

If you are unexpectedly delayed picking up your child, please telephone the school and your child can have a place in our after school club until you arrive. After school club runs from 3:15 to 4:15 daily.

Thank you and I will see you all soon!