

Reception News

Welcome message

We hope you and your child have enjoyed the first week of Reception at Kingfisher. They have settled well, and we are very happy to see their friendships forming already.

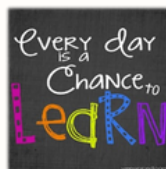
Starting school is a big transition. We have ensured that has been as smooth as possible and have written this letter to give you some key information.

We will be talking about ourselves, learning about each other and then celebrating our similarities and differences. We will discover that we are part of our family, our new classes and our school community. We are learning collaboratively within both classes and our outdoor area to maximise our learning opportunities.

We look forward to getting to know you all better. If you have any questions regarding the information in this newsletter, or other more general queries, please don't hesitate to talk to us.

Thank you,

The Early Years Team



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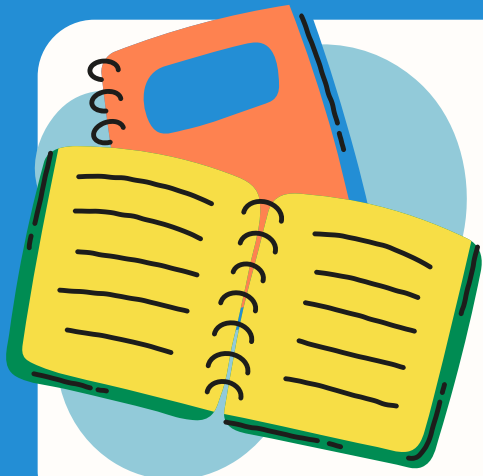
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Important updates

The car park gate will no longer be open in the mornings or afternoons. Please ensure that you have made safe arrangements to drop off and pick up your children.

Please remember school begins at 8.45am. This is when children begin their learning. Please be on time. The Year 2 hall door will then be shut and the playground gate locked at 8.55am. This is to safeguard all our children.

We are now a mobile free zone! From the start of term we would appreciate all phones to be switched off or put away on the playground. Please greet your child with a smile and not your phone!



We are aware that lots of children are still missing off the lunch list each day. If you are having any trouble with the school lunch app, please see the office for support.

We will be completing the Reception Baseline assessments during the next few weeks. We have attached more information for you.

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Term overview



Each term we will send you an overview of our learning in each area of the curriculum for the term. You can see regular updates on Tapestry. Please return your form as soon as possible. You can also find the overview on the website. It looks like this:

Personal, Social and Emotional Development
This term we will be:

- getting to know each other, making friends and becoming familiar with school routines
- trying new activities, learning to share and taking turns
- identifying and naming our basic emotions

Physical Development
We will be learning to:

- put on our cardigans, jumpers and coats by ourselves
- take our shoes, socks and tights off by ourselves and then put them back on
- experiment with different ways of moving
- develop an effective pencil grip and begin to form recognisable marks, shapes and letters
- use scissors effectively and safely
- develop our gross motor skills, core and shoulder strength

Communication and Language
We will be learning to:

- listen carefully, share our ideas with each other trying to use full sentences and respond to what others have said with a relevant response
- join in with familiar stories, rhymes and songs
- respond to simple instructions and ask questions

Maths
We will be learning to:

- recognise numerals 0-3
- match numerals and quantities
- count objects using one number name for each object
- count irregular groups of objects
- count actions or objects which can't be moved e.g. jumps, claps

We will also be learning to:

- identify and talk about 2d shapes
- recognise and create patterns

Who do we share the world with?

Understanding the World
We will be learning:

- about ourselves, each other and our families
- how we have grown and changed since being a baby
- to notice changes in the outdoors through Welly Walks and outdoor learning
- about the season of Autumn and events which take place such as Harvest


Expressive Arts and Design
We will be learning to:

- create self-portraits using a variety of resources
- mix colours
- make marks, lines and shapes
- listen to and discriminate between sounds, sing songs and dance to music

Literacy
We will be learning to:

- enjoy listening to and joining in with familiar rhymes and stories
- recognise familiar words and signs
- recognise and write our name
- begin to form recognisable letters
- link sounds to letters using little wandle
- hear and say initial sounds in words
- rhyme

Reception Term 1



This term our enquiry question is:

Who do we share the world with?

Our value for the term is HOPE!



Meet the Teacher



About Me

Hi! My name is Miss Telling, and I am a Reception teacher. Our children are four and five years old. We learn and discover through play in our classroom.

I've been teaching for 12 years and I love it! I enjoy making learning fun and helping build children's skills. I am also passionate about books and developing a love of reading in our children.

A bit about me!

Favourite colour: pink

Favourite animal: giraffe



Favourite drink: a cup of tea!



Favourite subject: Reading



Our Class Author

All our classes at Kingfisher CE Academy are named after authors. My class is named after Joseph Coelho. He is the Children's Laureate and writes stories and poems.



Our class book is called My Beautiful Voice. I hope you enjoy it. It is about a child who doesn't speak, but her teacher encourages her to find and share her voice through experiences at school. I have sent a copy to share with you!





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About Me

Hi! My name is Miss Henry. I am a reception teacher and outdoor learning champion. I am new to teaching after leaving a career doing hair and make-up for TV and film. I am still very passionate about art and love to do as much of it as possible - especially using materials that we have foraged!

Outside of school I love going on hikes and keeping my mind and body healthy through workouts!

A bit about me!

Favourite colour: blue

Favourite animal: goats

Favourite drink: anything cold!

Favourite subject: Art



Our Class Author

All our classes at Kingfisher CE Academy are named after authors.

My class is named after Maria Isabel Sánchez Vegara. She is the author and creator of a series called "Little People, Big Dreams". These books introduce children to artists, activists, trailblazers and dreamers who all made a positive impact in the world around them. The first book I am introducing to my class is all about Marcus Rashford! I have sent a copy to share with you!



Our team



There are lots of people who are part of our extended Kingfisher family. You and your children may see them around the campus.

Senior Leadership Team



Ms Bishop
(our fabulous
Headteacher and
Designated
Safeguarding Lead)



Miss Telling
(Assistant Headteacher,
SENCO and Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead)



Mrs Bishop
(Campus Co-Ordinator)

Our Nursery Team



Mrs Lane
(Nursery Manager
- Pre-School)



Miss Watts
(Deputy Nursery Manager -
Two year olds)



Mrs Engley
(EYFS Teaching Assistant)

Our key Stage 1 Team



Miss Baddeley
(Year 1 teacher)



Mrs Connell
(Year 2 teacher)

Our Reading Champions

These two fabulous ladies support reading and phonics across the school. They work with individual children and groups.



Mrs Stoddart



Mrs Khan

Our team



Our Teaching Assistants

Our team have so many different skills and experiences. They work across the school to utilise these:



**Mrs Drewry
(HLTA)**



Mrs B



Mrs Sara



Miss Gallo



Mrs Shim



Jill

Admin Team

Our Kingfisher Admin will be front of house to answer your questions and provide you with support:



Mrs Strange



Mrs Huxtable

Reverend Owen Green

Owen leads a Collective Worship assembly each week. He also works with us across the school.



Our team



Safeguarding Team

THE KINGFISHER SAFEGUARDING TEAM

Miss Telling
Assistant Headteacher
and DDSL

Ms Bishop
KCEA Headteacher and
DSL

Miss Luckman
Assistant Headteacher
and DDSL

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"Let your light shine" (Matt. 5:13)

Premises Team

This super team keep us ship shape and shiny! We'd be lost without them:



Wayne



Glen



Andy

Reading



We are committed as a school to ensuring all children develop the skills they need to read independently and have access to life long learning. Our team believe in ensuring all children find themselves represented in books. We aim to expose our children to high quality, award winning and diverse literature.

Book change days

Please ensure both books are in your child's book bags for **Monday** to be collected in. We have Book Club every **Monday** where we share our books, discuss what we liked about them and recommend to each other. We then come home with a new one! Your child's new phonics book will be sent home on a **Thursday** after they have read it three times in class.

Books for the term

This term our focus books will be...

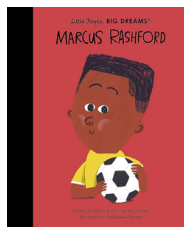
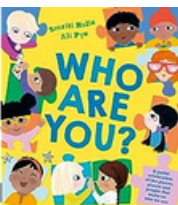
My Beautiful Voice - Joseph Coelho

Marcus Rashford - Maria Vegara

The Leaf Thief - Alice Hemming

Who are you? - Smriti Halls

Meesha Makes Friends - Tom Percival



How you can help at home

Share books that your children bring home from school. Read any books you have at home. Read recipes, magazines, print in the environment. Let your children see you reading!

Phonics



We will begin learning phonics using Little Wandle which is the phonics and reading scheme at Kingfisher. Children will learn a new phoneme each day and begin to blend them to read and use them to write. Come along to the phonics workshop on Wednesday 21st September 2023 to find out more.

Phase 2 Sound Mat

s	a	t	p	i	n	m	d
g	o	c	k	ck	e	u	r
h	b	f	l	j	v	w	x
y	z	qu	th	sh	ch	ng	nk

Tricky words

is I the put pull full as
and has his her go no to
into she push he of we me be

Phonics vs sharing books

Your child will bring home a book for pleasure on a **Monday** which you can share together. They are not supposed to be able to read this! They will also bring home a book matched to their phonics ability on a **Thursday**. These will have no words to start with until your child can blend with sounds to read.

How you can help at home

Each week we will share a recap of the learning we have covered in phonics. You can work on these at home with your child. This will be explained in more detail at the workshop.

Little Wandle - Letters and Sounds
Reception Phonics Home Learning

Phase 2 - Autumn 1 Week 1
Focus - Phonemes s / o / t / i

Please support your child to practise and reinforce the phonemes and graphemes we are learning in school. More information and support can be found on the Little Wandle website - <https://www.littlewandle.com/primary/parents/parents-for-contacts>

Phonemes we will be focusing on this week in school:

Phoneme s - s Show your teeth and let the s float out like s	Phoneme a - a Open your mouth wide and make the a sound on the back of your mouth a
Phoneme t - t Open your lips, put the tip of your tongue behind your teeth and press t t t	Phoneme p - p Bring your lips together, push them open and say p p

We will be orally blending words. Can you hear the phonemes in these words? Can you listen and then repeat the word!

s - a - t t - a - p s - a - p
p - a - t a - t

What you will need...

P.E.

PE will be on a **Monday**. Please send your child to school with their PE kit on.

Please remember our PE uniform is a white polo shirt, navy/black shorts or trousers and plain trainers or daps. They will be in this all day, so please ensure it is weather appropriate.



Outdoor learning

We will be doing regular outdoor learning and Welly Walks. Please can all children have a pair of named wellies in school for these.

We also go outside in all weathers. Children will need waterproof coats and appropriate weather gear for the season.



PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING!

Christian Authenticity

In Collective Worship...

This term our value is hope. We will be focussing on stories from the Bible that reflect this.



Child of Hope



Owen went to visit our Kingfisher family at the Child of Hope school in Uganda. Each class wrote letters to the children in their matching age class. We sent them a book of our class author, lots of reading books and our class photo. Jack the puppet also went on the adventure! The children loved the reading books and got stuck in straight away. Owen brought back handmade items from the children of Uganda. We were amazed to learn they were made from banana fibres! We also saw photos of them and they wrote back to us!



Festivals

Later in the term we will be celebrating the festival of Harvest. We will be holding a whole school Harvest Festival Assembly on Wednesday 18th October 2023. Please come along to support and celebrate with us!



Term dates

- **Friday 1st September 2023 - INSET Day**
- **Monday 4th September 2023 - INSET Day**
- **Tuesday 5th September 2023- First day of term 1. Usual starting times. Nursery 8.30am, Reception and Year 1 8.45am through their classroom doors, Year 2 8.45am through the hall door.**
- **Wednesday 13th September 2023 - Meet the teacher / curriculum expectations - 3.30-4.30pm**
- **Monday 18th September 2023 - Individual school photos. There will be an opportunity for sibling photos. Details to follow.**
- **Wednesday 27th September 2023 - Phonics and Reading workshop - 2-3pm / 5-6pm**
- **Wednesday 11th October 2023 - Maths Workshop - 2-3pm / 5-6pm**
- **Friday 13th October 2023 - Year 2 Class Assembly - 2.30pm**
- **Wednesday 18th October 2023 - Harvest Assembly - 2.30pm**
- **Wednesday 18th October 2023 - End of term 1**



Safeguarding

Please contact Swindon MASH if you are concerned about a child.

E-mail: Swindonmash@swindon.gov.uk

Telephone: 01793 466903

8.30am to 4.40pm Monday to Thursday

8.30am to 4.00pm Friday

The Emergency Duty Service (EDS) is available outside office hours on

01793 436699

If you think that a child is in immediate danger, please ring 999 and speak to the police.



Friends of Wichelstowe Trinity



Learning Campus



We wanted to let you know more about the Friends of Wichelstowe Trinity Learning Campus, and the events that we are planning for this academic year.

We raised over £2500 last year and we have great plans for future events. We would also like to invite you all to join us for a drink and a chat at school to discuss what you can do to assist the friends by way of volunteering, sponsorship, support, corporate sponsorship, social media, marketing etc. Drop-in sessions will be held in the first few weeks of September, so look out for more information.

This year, we hope to host more discos, as well as ice cream sales, cake sales and second-hand uniform sales. Our big events for the Autumn will be the Family Fireworks Extravaganza, another quiz night, fayre and more.

Whilst all of these are very exciting and we would hope that at least one of the events would be of interest to most families, there is an obvious need for volunteers to enable any of these to run safely. Kingfisher are looking to the friends for support in purchasing items that will benefit our pupils, and it would be great if we were able to fund these from events and fundraising.

Please email:

fowtlc@dbat.org.uk