



Year Two News

Welcome message

We hope you and your child have enjoyed the first week of Year 2 at Kingfisher. They have settled well, and we are very happy to see their friendships forming already.

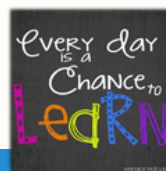
Moving year groups and having a new teacher is a big transition, our discovery days and the last two full weeks of term hopefully have made that change easier. This newsletter will give you some key information about the term ahead.

We will be learning about friendship and working together as community as well as celebrating our similarities and differences. Our learning will be a mixture of small group work, paired and individual as well as teacher guided focus groups. Through continuous provision we will be able to practice our skills and apply them in different contexts 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 Year Two Team



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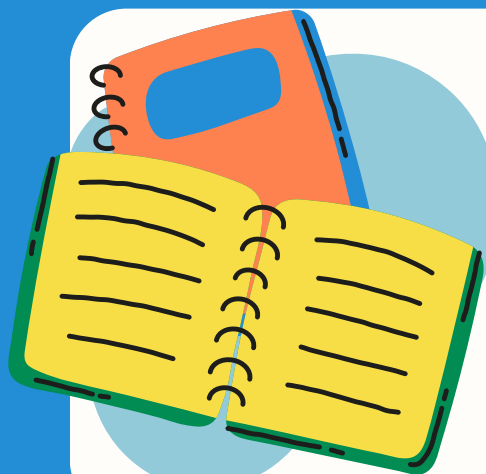
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Important updates

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!



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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 also find it on the website. It looks like this:

Humanities

In geography, we will be learning to:

- Name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans
- Name, locate and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas.
- Learning about the different physical and human features.

In history, we will be learning to:

- Explore main events in the history of the world.
- Find out how Inventions have made an impact on our lives today.

Maths

We will be learning to:

- Count, read and write numbers to 100 in numerals.
- Count forwards and backwards in 2s and 10s from any given number..
- Identify and represent numbers using objects and pictorial representations.
- Recognise the place value of each digit in a 2-digit number
- Recognise odd and even numbers..
- Recognising and naming some 2D and 3D shapes.

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Art/ DT

- In art, we will be learning to:
 - Explore shape, line, colour, pattern, texture, form and space in our sketchbooks.
- Participate in a whole school art project based on "The Dot" by Peter Reynolds.
- In DT, we will be learning to:
 - Design and make a healthy snack.
 - Select and use appropriate tools to make healthy snacks.

RE/ PSHE

- In RE, we will be learning to: Creation Who made the world
- In PSHE, we will be learning to:
 - Learn and discover the characteristics that make a good friend

Who do we share the world with?

PE

We will be learning to:

- Explore basic movement skills. (e.g. running, jumping, hopping, skipping, throwing, catching and navigating space and obstacles successfully).
- Learning martial arts principles and sequences.

Science

We will be learning to:

- Sort animals into different groups and know their characteristics.
- Sort animals into omnivores, herbivores and carnivores.
- Notice that animals, including human have offspring which grow into adults.
- describe the basic needs of animals, including humans,

Literacy

We will be learning to:

- Use basic punctuation when writing sentences.
- Verbally construct and rehearse sentences.
- Identify, suggest and include different word classes in their sentences (e.g. nouns, adjectives, adverbs, and verbs).
- Sequencing sentences to form a narrative.



This term our enquiry question is:

Who do we share the world with?

Our value for the term is HOPE!





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Meet the teacher



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Meet the Teacher

About Me

Hi! My name is Mrs Connell, and I am a Year 2 teacher. Our children are six and seven years old.

I've been teaching for 24 years and have just moved to Kingfisher. I love being outside walking, looking at insects and birds or paddle boarding especially on the sea. I also love Lego and reading. I love to use books in all different subjects to help our learning.

A bit about me!

Favourite colour: *green*

Favourite animal: bumblebee

Favourite drink: hot chocolate

Favourite subject: Geography



Our Class Author

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

My class is named after Smriti Halls. She has written lots of story books and two information books.

She has won awards for her writing.

Our class book is called Rain before Rainbows. It is about a child who goes on a journey away from sadness, and with the help of some friends along the way discovers something special. It is a beautiful book, so I have sent a copy to share with you. I hope you enjoy it.



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 Henry
(Reception teacher)



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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The Deanery
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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...
All the ways to be smart - Davina Bell
Rain before Rainbows - Smriti Halls
The Big Book of Beasts - Yuval Zommer
Cloud Soup - Kate Wakeling
The Dot - Peter Reynolds



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 continue learning phonics using Little Wandle which is the phonics and reading scheme at Kingfisher. Children will consolidate their learning ensuring that they know alternative graphemes and can apply them in their writing. Come along to the phonics workshop on Wednesday 21st September 2023 to find out more.

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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**. They will have read this in Reading Practice groups at school so should be able to read it fairly fluently - this is a great opportunity for them to show you their progress. There are questions in the back of the book that you can discuss with them too.

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/parents-and-carers/parents/>

Phonemes we will be focusing on this week in school:

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

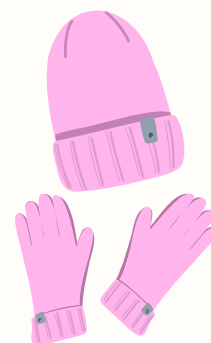
PE will be on a **Friday**. Please send your child to school with their PE kit on. Please remember our PE uniform is a white polo shirt, navy/black shorts or trousers and plain trainers or daps. They will be in this all day, so please ensure it is weather appropriate.



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 21st 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