**Class 3 Kingfishers newsletter**

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Welcome back. I do hope you have had a happy and restful Christmas break.

**Our topic for Spring: How do rivers, mountains**

**and coasts affect us?**

In this topic children will learn about human and physical geography and what mountains, rivers and coasts actually are, some of the forces that help create and shape these important features, and the effects they have on the world around them. Children will learn about the climates, human interactions, and lifestyles shaped by the mountains, rivers and coasts of the world.

**Keeping you informed**

I have will posted on the School website termly information, including spellings, knowledge organisers and key events. These will include everything that you and your child will need to know ready for the upcoming term. This is to save on paper, so please do keep checking the website for recent school newsletters and topic information, including knowledge organisers.

**PE in Class 3**

Children will have PE twice a week. This term we will be improving our gymnastic skills. One session will be taught by Amber Valley on Tuesdays and the other will be taught by me on Fridays. Children should come to school dressed in their PE kit on the days that they have PE. This consists of plain blue or black shorts, a plain white or blue T-shirt, black or blue jogging bottoms or leggings, a plain or black sweatshirt or hoodie and trainers with grip. Children should not be wearing branded tracksuits or football gear, sparkly t shirts or fashion wear. Canvas shoes or sandals are not safe when taking part in physical activity. No earrings should be worn to school on these days please. Class 3 Kingfishers will go swimming in the summer terms.

**Reading expectation in school and at home**

In school your child will be part of daily guided reading groups and will also read individually to an adult at school. They will be expected to read at home, ideally 5 times each week. It does not always have to be their reading book, it may be a book of their own choice, a comic or even a newspaper. It would be helpful if reading at home was recorded in their reading record and signed by an adult each time, we need this in order to change children’s books appropriately. **Please fill in one box in the reading record book for each day your child reads.**

Your child has been given a reading record and a reading packet that they can use to keep their reading record and reading books in. They will need to bring this into school daily and place in their tray.

**Homework in Class 3**

Children have been given logins and passwords for Bug Club, TT Rockstars, Charanga, Sumdog and Spelling Shed, learning platforms. However, many children have not yet logged onto any of the learning platforms and I would encourage your child to use these platforms regularly to consolidate their learning. I will continue to monitor how often your child logs onto these online platforms.

Alongside weekly homework, I would like your child to complete 2 pieces of homework each term relating to the topic that we are learning in class. Our topic for Spring is Rivers, mountains and coasts. I have attached a homework grid to choose 2 tasks from. This worked brilliantly last term and the children produced some superb work, which formed a lovely display in the classroom.

**Times tables**

The children will have a weekly times tables test on all the times tables. Multiplication, division and fractions are a huge focus this term and so learning times tables off by heart, will help your child immensely.

**Other useful information**

* If possible, could all uniform and water bottles please be clearly labelled**!** Children will keep their jumpers on their pegs if they take them off and their water bottles will stay on their desks throughout the day. However, making sure everything is labelled just ensures no mix ups at home time!
* No toys are allowed in school.
* Mrs. Hicking will teach the children on a Tuesday afternoons.
* Every Friday your child will have a weekly spelling test of usually ten words. We will incorporate an additional 5 of the Statutory spellings each week.
* Your child will have a times table test each Friday.
* Your child has all the stationery they require in school. Please do not send in pencil cases or stationery.

**SNACKS**

A snack at break time is nice to have. Your child should bring in healthy snacks into school, **PLEASE….NO NUTS.** Some examples for snacks;

* Whole or sliced fruit.
* Vegetable sticks, e.g. celery, carrot, pepper, cucumber. ...
* Bag of plain popcorn.
* Bread sticks.
* Rice or corn cakes

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me – preferably at the end of the school day – when I will have a little more time to discuss anything.

Mrs Williams