

Spring is here! The children continue to work hard and have been busy building upon and developing their skills and knowledge. The staff are enjoying challenging the children and checking to see how much they have been growing their brain.

The staff in Keystage 1 remain the same, please see the list below:

Miss Tibbles (Kingfisher class teacher/Team Leader)	Miss White (TA)
Mrs. Pretorius (Heron class teacher)	Mrs Merchant (TA)
Mrs. Caswell / Mrs. Brady (Swan class teachers)	Mrs. Randall (TA)
Mrs. Gardner (Learning Mentor)	Mrs. Jolliffe (TA)

Staff continue to be there to greet both parents/carers and the children every morning. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to us and we will do our best to answer them. The best time to catch your child's teacher is at the end of the school day or by arranging a time through the office.

### The Curriculum

#### English

This term will begin with children using their speaking and action skills to learn the text "How to catch a star" by Oliver Jeffers. Please encourage your children to retell the story to you at home. Throughout the term the children will participate in guiding reading sessions where they will work on the five key reading skills: Inference, prediction, sequencing, retrieval, and vocabulary. This term's non-fiction focus will be linked to our space topic and children will get the opportunity to research and write space facts, along with key information about significant people like Tim Peake. Throughout each of the English Units, we will be covering Grammar separately in class according to the key stage 1 Curriculum.

#### Maths

Maths teaching this term will revisit place value. This will involve:

- Counting to 100.
- Partitioning numbers in different ways.
- Representing numbers in different ways.
- Comparing and ordering numbers, knowing one more and one less from any given number.

We will then move onto Multiplication and division:

- Making, recognising and adding equal groups.
- Making and using arrays.
- Making equal groups for sharing and grouping.
- Using the multiplication and division symbol.

#### Curriculum Subjects.

This term's topic is Space, where the children will:

- Learn and order the planets in the solar system.
- Identify physical and human features from each continent of the world and what they look like from space.
- Use timelines to plot when significant astronauts went into space.
- Use their art skills to create their own artwork inspired by Vincent Van Gogh's "Starry Night".

Music will be taught by Miss Jones. All the learning will focus around a song called "I wanna play in a band" The children will learn the song and begin to recognise other rock songs. They will perform and share the song with instruments as well as continuing to learn about musical elements such as rhythm and pitch.

R.E/PSHE will be taught by Mrs Kern, within RE the children will be looking at baptism and places of worship. Our focus in PSHE will be going for goals and its good to be me.

PE will be taught by Mr Higgs and your child's class teacher.

#### Homework

Weekly homework will continue. Homework is a chance for children to share and consolidate their learning. They do not need to complete every activity! Please encourage your child to show you what they know.

### Extra activities

#### Forest School and swimming:

Please regularly check parent mail for updates regarding these activities.

#### Spring 1

Kingfisher— Forest School

#### Spring 2

Heron—Swimming.  
Swan—Forest School

#### Reading:

Reading is an essential skill and continues to be a huge focus. It is important that your children read as much as possible, aiming for 4 times a week.

The children have also been lucky enough to bring home the RWI books. Please share these with your child and ensure they are returned to school every week!

#### A few reminders:

- Children to have a named water bottle in school everyday.
- PE kit to be in school and clearly labelled.
- All children's uniform and coats are clearly labelled.
- Remember to regularly check the school jotter for all upcoming dates and events.

Here's to another fun packed term!  
From the Key Stage 1 Team.