



Fen Ditton C. P. School

Kingfishers class: Years 3 and 4

Summer Term 2018 Link Letter

In the table below you will find information about the topics your child will be covering, in each of the curriculum subjects over the next term.

Subject	Theme
English	We shall begin by looking at diary writing. This will provide an opportunity to try out varying sentence length with connectives and conjunctions. Children will practice applying these skills in independent pieces of writing, grouping their sentences into linked paragraphs. Much of our writing will be linked to our school book this term: "The Diary of a Wimpy Kid". Linking to our educational visit to the Tower of London, the children will research and write up tourist guides to popular historical attractions.
Mathematics	Maths lessons shall continue to be taught according to the 'Mastery Maths' approach, aiming to develop children's understanding in all areas of maths, beginning with basic fluency, through to more complex reasoning skills, and finally solving puzzles and problems. For the first half-term our main theme will be fractions, measures and properties of shapes.
Science	We will focus on how plants and animals are adapted to their habitats, before moving on to sound. Much of the science work will involve practical activities in the classroom, or a visit to the wildlife garden.
Topic (History and Geography)	Having investigated recently the theme of important landmarks, we will turn our attention to Anglo-Saxons, looking at what their lives were like.
Physical Education	P.E. lessons will take place on Wednesdays (with Premier Sport) and Thursdays (with Mr. McDonnell). The children will be taught outdoor teamwork activities. Please make sure that all PE kit is named and includes a white t-shirt, blue or black shorts and trousers together with appropriate footwear for outdoors. Please ensure earrings are taken out and hair bands are provided to tie long hair back. (If children have one of the school coloured t-shirts to represent their house, they may wear them in PE lessons.)
Personal Development	We will investigate drug and medicine safety, followed by understanding safety in different contexts, such as crossing the road. Whole class 'circle time' sessions each week on Tuesdays will help explore and reflect on these themes. We will promote through assemblies, certificates and class-work the core Fen Ditton values of resilience, respect, courage and kindness.
Art and design (design and technology)	These will focus largely on I.T. skills, tied in to our project of designing and making tourist and visitor attraction guides and leaflets.
Computing	Computing will focus at first on formatting and designing information leaflets.

Music	The children will have music lessons with Mrs. Rogan.
Languages	The children shall be taught French once a fortnight.
Homework	<p>This will be set every Friday and will comprise:</p> <p>Reading as much as possible over the week;</p> <p>A spellings, grammar or a comprehension activity;</p> <p>A mathematics task, linked to what we have been learning in lessons OR a practice session for our 'times table Challenge'.</p> <p>Optional: one other piece related to any other subject area.</p> <p>Please ensure homework is returned the following Wednesday.</p>
Assessment	Pupils will be continually assessed throughout the term, against age related expectations from the national curriculum.
How to support your child at home	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read with them daily or as much as possible, which includes your child reading to you and you reading to them. • Help them complete the homework set • Practise telling the time on analogue and digital clocks • Quick times tables questions • Please encourage your child to use the TT Rockstars website – I have login details, if they have lost them. • Please explore the 'espresso learning website' with your child. It covers all areas of the curriculum, but is particularly good for improving spelling, grammar and punctuation skills. Please use login name: 'student6209' and password 'espresso'.

If you wish to discuss any information included in the table above or you have any further questions, please come and see me.

Thank you,

Mr. McDonnell