



Kingfisher Fives



Dear Parents and Carers,
We wish you all a warm welcome back to the Spring Term.



Our topic this half term is called 'Around The World in 80 Days' and focusses on geographical skills of mapping and using a compass. Weather permitting, we will also be venturing out into Hucknall for some field work at the end of this half term. Other activities will include learning about forces and how they affect our ability to travel and move, learning how to sketch using perspective and exploring how spreadsheets and databases can help us plan an around the world trip.



English

We will be reading 'Around The World in 80 Days' as a class. Writing tasks will link to this novel. Reading will take place daily in the form of shared reading, where we read together to practise fluency and speed reading, discuss tricky vocabulary and answer comprehension questions.



We learn spelling rules in class, alongside spellings allocated to each year group. A list of year group words have been sent home last term. Your child would benefit from practising these at home.



Reading eggs passwords have been given out, and this is something we provide so that children have the option of using this at home. It is a really good interactive reading tool and children enjoy using it.



It is still really important that children read daily at home, as well as at school, because it helps increase fluency, stamina and widens vocabulary.



Maths

Maths will focus on multiplication, division, fractions, decimals and percentages. We also practise times tables each week. If your child does not know their times tables off by heart to 12 x 12, they will benefit from practising at home.





PE

We are swimming this half term and children need to bring their kit on Thursdays. Our swimming will finish at February half term. The weather has been really cold and wet on our recent swimming days. Please ensure your child has a warm, waterproof coat with hood and/or hat for the walk to and from the leisure centre. If your child uses an inhaler, please ensure they take it each week, as they will not be permitted to swim if they do not have it.



On Monday mornings, children will have gymnastics and will need a PE top and shorts or leggings. Please note tracksuit bottoms are not appropriate for gym as children can slip on equipment when wearing them.



Parent Helpers

We would like to send a huge thank you to the parents who have been walking down to the leisure centre with us, and acting as spotters during the swimming lessons. Without parental help, we would be unable to swim.



If you are free on a Thursday afternoon, your help at swimming would be greatly appreciated - please let us know.



We also have a parent who comes in to listen to children read each week. If you have any free time and would like to listen to readers, or have other skills to offer, please let us know.



Communication

Please see weekly newsletters for dates and school news.



We are available from 8:30 in the morning and at the end of each day if you would like to speak to us. Alternatively, please feel free to make an appointment.



Kind regards



Mrs Menevse and Miss Gething

