



Kingfishers'



Ask Me About Newsletter

Autumn 1 2024

24th October 2024

We have made it to the end of the 1st part of Autumn term and the Kingfishers have been up to a lot! They have all settled in wonderfully and I can see this year being an excellent one.

What have we been up to this half term?

English

We have been focussing on consolidating year 2 skills this half term. We started by writing a retell of *The Hare and the Tortoise*, we revisited expanded noun phrases and exciting adjectives to include in our writing. We then swiftly moved on to *Stone Girl, Bone Girl* which was a story inspired by the early life of Mary Anning, for this text we wrote a retell of the first section of the story and a diary entry of the second part. Within this, we learnt about powerful verbs and words ending in -ed. We all really loved this book and created some excellent writing from it. Following this, we looked at *Stone Age Boy* which was about a young boy time travelling to the Stone Age! For this text we did a retell of different sections of the story and challenged our writing by using a comma to separate adjectives when describing a noun and using co-ordinating conjunctions (and, yet, but, so, or).

Maths

In maths this half term, we have completed our place value unit and are half way through our addition and subtraction unit. In place value we had a look at hundreds, tens and ones, how we represent them and partition them in different ways. We also had a look at how we compare and order numbers. In addition and subtraction we have looked at adding 1s, 10s and 100s without an exchange and how to bridge a 10 and 100 in addition and subtraction by using a number line. Finally we looked at the column method in addition and subtraction, with exchanging.

Science

In science this half term, we have looked at the human body. We started on skeletons and especially the human skeleton. We learnt about the skull, spine, ribcage, pelvis and femur; where they are located, as well as their function. We then moved onto joints where we looked at a hinge and, ball and socket joint. Quickly we looked at muscles, such as the bicep and tricep and how the bones, joints and muscles work together to allow us to move.

History

In history we started our very exciting topic of 'Stone Age to Iron Age' where we started right at the beginning of the Stone age. We identified how the Stone Age is split up into Paleolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic and how life progressed within each period.

What are we up to next half term?

English

In English we will be looking at the following texts: *How to wash a Woolly Mammoth*, *Poems Aloud*, *The Biography of Mary Anning*, *The Bear and Piano* and we will finish on a non-chronological report of stone age to the iron age. The skills we will be learning will be as follows:

- Similes
- Subordinating conjunctions at the beginning of sentences (before, after, while, as)
- A comma to list expanded noun phrases
- Adverbs of manner as openers (fronted adverbials)
- Verb tenses (was/were, is/are)
- Compound sentences using co-ordinating conjunctions
- Use of tense

Maths

In maths we will be estimating and using the inverse to check our answers. We will then move onto multiplication and division where we will be building on our knowledge of the 2s, 5s and 10s from year 2 and begin looking at the 3s, 4s and 8s. So make sure we are beginning to familiarise ourselves with them on TTRS!

Science

In science we are going to look at nutrition and specifically food groups. As well as sustainability and how we can reduce food waste. Then we are going to move onto our rocks unit, where we will learn how to identify and group rocks.

DT

In DT we are going to be constructing a toy made out of recycled materials. **Please can you start little collection of materials at home, especially milk bottle lids!**

Kind regards,
Miss Johanson

| Ongoing Learning | |
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| Reading | Please read 5 times a week and write this in your Reading Diary. |
| Maths | We will be continuing the Mighty Multiples Challenges this year. Times Table Rock Star logins have gone out, please let Miss Johanson know if you require another username and password slip. |
| English | Weekly spellings - these will be posted on the website. |
| Topic | Please see the new topic homework grid on the website. The children will receive HVPs for their efforts, so please encourage them to have a go at this. |