



Kingfisher Class Curriculum Letter – Autumn Terms 1 and 2 2019.

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Dear Parents

Welcome to the new school year!

We hope you all had a wonderful summer and that your child is looking forward to starting school and becoming a part of the Churchfields family. We have planned an exciting start to the new academic year and we hope that the children will be just as enthralled by this as we are already!

Curriculum

Our topic this term is “Superheroes”. Further details are outlined in the curriculum topic web attached. Our WOW topic entry day (Wednesday 11th September) will be at the Monkton Farleigh Base where the children will be involved in lots of different toy and game related activities. It would be great if your child could come in dressed as their favourite Superhero.



If you have anything that you think may be of interest to our studies then please let us know.

Reading

During the first term children in Reception year will be encouraged to visit the school library. They will be able to take a book home to share at home with you. These will not be levelled reading books as we want to encourage children to enjoy, share and love a good book before we expect them to read for themselves. This has proven to be very successful with, children leaving the Foundation stage with a real love of books and reading by the end of the academic year. You will also find a bookmark in the front of the Home contact book outlining reading objectives appropriate for each year group

*Please note that children will not change their book every day but we do expect as part of their homework that children read aloud for about 5-10 minutes every day **whenever possible**. We aim for all Early year's children to be reading a levelled book after the Christmas period.*

Home learning

Please find attached a Home Learning grid detailing suggested activities that you may wish to complete at home. Once these are complete please bring in to school where we can celebrate and enjoy the children's work. We ask that children complete one piece of home learning from this grid a term.

You will also find in the back of your child's Home contact book a Maths Passport. These are targets we ask that you and your child work on at home in your own time. Please have a go (little and often) to help your child achieve these. When you feel your child is confident within this target please tick the box. Children will be assessed by Miss Ottner and me, Mrs Genner. When ready your child will be awarded a new passport and certificate.

Your child's user name and password for **Mathletics** is inside the front of their Home- School Book. This is an online resource that the school has paid for that you may access at home. There is a wealth of fun and interactive maths activities for your child to play and work on at home. This also generates certificates that are given out in school. If they have earned a silver or gold certificate I shall give this out in Gem learner assembly on a Friday afternoon.

Reminders

PE kits need to be in school **every day**. Please check that your child has the correct, labelled kit in school (i.e. **navy** shorts, **white** t-shirt, plimsolls and socks). For outdoor PE children will need suitable footwear and **black or navy** tracksuit/jogging trousers.

Gem Learner

Every Friday afternoon there is a whole school assembly that parents and carers are invited to. This is an opportunity to find out what children have been doing inside and outside of school as well as an opportunity to meet other parents. The assembly starts at 2.45 and runs until the end of the afternoon. Children may bring in learning/certificates (swimming, dance) from home and share with the school community. It is a fantastic opportunity to encourage children of all ages to speak in front of a large audience and share their successes. I look forward to hearing about these moments in the assemblies.

Helping in school.

We really welcome offers of help in the classroom, particularly in the afternoons and to listen to children read or to help and supervise their use of the computers. If you think you can spare half an hour or more then please come and talk with us. Also there are other jobs such as gardening or tidying/organising the library that you may wish to volunteer for.

Please come and talk to us if you have any questions or queries we are always happy to help.

Maria Genner and Carol Burton