

Health and Attendance

Regular attendance at school is vital for your child's education.

If your child is absent from school for any reason school needs to know. **Please telephone the school by 9.15 a.m. on the first day of absence.**

We need to know the reason (as schools are required to distinguish between authorised and unauthorised absence of pupils) and how long your child is likely to be off. Please ask your Doctor for advice regarding how long your child should be kept off school.

If medicine is prescribed, arrangements can *only* be made for the administration in school if the dosage is x4 daily. Parents are asked to complete a request form and all medicines must be handed to the school office, in the original packaging, clearly labelled with date, contents, pupil's name and dosage.

Our Family Support Worker in conjunction with our Education Welfare Officer is always available to give advice if required.

PE Days

In Year 2 some PE sessions will take place outdoors and so children will be expected to bring in a full PE kit. This should include named trainers, long jogging bottoms, T-shirt and a tracksuit top and should come in a named bag at the beginning of every half term to be left in school. We would like to request that on PE days it would help the children greatly if they did not wear tights. *Long hair must be tied back and earrings either need to be taken off or covered in tape.* Current PE days: Wednesday and Friday.

Adult Helpers

We would love to have some adults in to help hear individual children read or assist with other activities. Please see your child's class teacher if you would be able to help us out.

Drinks It is really important that your child stays hydrated throughout the day and therefore they are very welcome to bring in a named plastic bottle containing water to drink from. This must return home daily in order to be cleaned and re-filled.

Kingfisher Learning Team Spring 2017



Learning together for life!

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Meet the staff

Mrs Thomas (Class Teacher), Mrs Pedge(TA), Miss Harvey(TA), Mrs Hiscock (TA) and Mrs Maskell (PPA cover).

We are always happy to help. Please make an appointment to come and see us after school if there is anything you wish to discuss.

Themes for the Spring Term

Our themes this term will be: ***Superheroes!*** (literacy and science focus) and ***To Infinity...And Beyond!*** (history and geography focus). We will also be focussing on memorising number patterns (times tables). Look out for topic overviews in your child's book bag soon.

You can help by:

- Sharing the topic over view with your child and talking about what they already know.
- Reading a bed-time story - even when they are fluent readers, you can help them discover more sophisticated and rewarding books by reading to them.
- Supporting their spelling homework, and ensuring they have a calm environment in which to concentrate.
- Exploring our safe learning platform Starz with your child. Follow the link from the school's home page.

Home learning: As before, children will be given spellings on a Friday which will be checked on the following Thursday. **Daily** reading at home should still be a priority, even for those children who read simple texts fluently. Please send book bags and reading records back into school *every day*.

Age related expectations

In English, by the end of Year 2, children should be able to...

Correctly use: capital letters, full stops, question and exclamation marks, commas in lists and begin to use speech marks.

Use developing phonic skills when writing sentences.

Be able to answer questions in more detail on what they have read.

Know about tenses, suffixes and rarer graphemes (the 2 or 3 letters that make 1 sound).

All children should read for 10–15 minutes daily. Please talk to your child about what they have read and sign the reading record so we know how they have progressed.

In Maths, by the end of Year 2, children should be able to...

Add & subtract 2-digit numbers and tens, and two 2-digit numbers.

Recall addition & subtraction facts to 20.

Recall multiplication and division facts for 2, 5 and 10 times tables.