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Dear Parents and Carers,

We wish you all a warm welcome to Kingfisher Class; we're so excited to continue our journey together! We look forward to continuing to create exciting learning opportunities with your children and getting to share amazing moments with you too.

This year the adults in our class will be as follows;

Mr Loftus (All week, except Thursday afternoon)
Mrs Almond (All week, except Monday afternoon)

Curriculum Coverage

This half term, children in Upper Key Stage 2 will take part in two exciting projects. In *Let's Explore*, they will become Historical Geographers, investigating exploration through evidence such as maps, sketches, journal extracts and data, learning to question, interpret and explain information like real geographers. They explore both the achievements and consequences of exploration, developing ethical awareness and critical thinking. They will then move on to *Habitat Homes*, taking on the role of *Climate Scientists,* deepening pupils' understanding of tropical regions by examining why rainforests are located near the

Equator, how climate processes shape their unique features and how these environments change over time.

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In Science, pupils will study *Classification, Evolution and Inheritance*, learning how living things are grouped, how traits are passed on, and how species adapt and change over time.

In Computing, they will build creative digital skills through video recording and editing.

Our PSHE focus is *Stereotypes, Discrimination and Prejudice*, where children will think about what these things look like, learning how to challenge them when they appear and support those experiencing them.

In RE, pupils will explore the big question: How *do beliefs shape identity for Muslims?* This will encourage thoughtful discussion and reflection.

P.E. will take place every Tuesday. Please ensure your child comes into school in their P.E. kit and trainers so that they are ready to join in comfortably. Year 5s and select Year 6s will also be going swimming on Mondays; please remember to send them in wearing PE kit with their swimming bag (include swimwear, goggles, a swimming hat and towel).

Homework Expectations

Across this half term, children in Kingfisher Class will be sent home with up to three different home learning tasks. They are as follows;

TTRS
To be completed online (please let me know if your child is unable to access the website from home). Your child should complete 25 minutes of TTRS a week - this is around 5 minutes per day from Monday to Friday.

Reading
To be logged in Reading Journals. Your child should log 4 reads a week, where they have read a short section of their banded book aloud to any adult.

CGP Books (Year 6 Only)
Year 6s will receive an assignment on Google Classroom each week to complete sections of two of their four books in rotation. Children can mark their work independently and bring them in to support sessions on Friday Lunchtime.
CGP Book Schedule:

- Week 1: SPaG and Reasoning
- Week 2: Reading and Maths

All homework will be checked on Fridays.

Daily Routines and Reminders

- I am available at the beginning or the end of the day if you would like to discuss anything in person.
- Please direct any emails to the office email to ensure that they can be answered promptly.
- Please ensure school dinners are ordered online in advance. It is helpful to share the choice of dinner, or if a home pack, with your child for their reassurance.
- Your child will need to bring a water bottle each day.
- Your child will also need a coat and sun hat each day. If the weather is sunny, please apply sun cream before school. Children can choose to be outside every day whatever the weather so we like to be well prepared!

Thank you all for your support and commitment to your child's learning, including giving the best possible start to their year. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

We can't wait to see how your children grow and develop this year.

All the best,

Mr Loftus