

# Kingfisher Class Newsletter

Autumn Term 2018

## Welcome back!

Kingfisher class have made a really good start to the school year, and are already focussed on their learning and having fun.

## PE

This term we have six weeks of swimming. We will go swimming on Wednesdays, so please make sure that your child has a suitable coat for the walk to the swimming pool on that day. While we are swimming, PE will be on a Monday afternoon. Once swimming is finished, we will go back to having PE on Monday afternoon and Friday morning.

## Accelerated Reader (AR)

Kingfishers are proving to be



enthusiastic readers, which is brilliant! It remains important that children read at home. As they move up through the school, questions of inference and "reading between the lines" are particularly useful, as well as looking at the structure and presentation of non-fiction texts.

## Homework

Spellings will start next week and will continue throughout the term. Other homework will start this week. It is set on a Wednesday, to be handed in on the following Monday. If homework is a bit of a struggle, don't forget homework club on Wednesdays after school, where you can get all your homework completed in a quiet and purposeful hour, with a teacher on hand to help if needed.

If your child does not know all their times tables up to  $12 \times 12$ , it is vital that this knowledge is secured as soon as possible. We will be working on this in class, but practice at home will also be needed, especially if your child finds this difficult. Various apps and games are available to help your child learn these facts.

### Topic Learning

Our topic for this term is Barnstaple Past and Present. We will be looking at the history of our town from earliest times.

If you know anyone who might be able to help us with our project, please contact us, as we would like to get the local and school community involved as much as possible.

We have already enjoyed a guided History walk around Barnstaple with the Town Crier. Everyone learned lots about the town we live in!

### Moving towards independence

In year 5 we are starting to prepare the children for the independence they will be required to show when they move on to secondary school. We have been very impressed by the way the children are already coming into the classroom on their own in the morning.

### And finally...

Do keep in touch! If you have any queries, please contact one of the Kingfisher team. Quick matters can be easily addressed before or after school, but if you'd like to arrange a longer meeting, just let me know.

