



Friday 10th January 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

Kingfisher Spring Term Curriculum Letter

We hope you've had a lovely Christmas! This term we are looking forward to starting our new topics. There will be lots going on, so **please check your emails and child's book bag daily for any letters and the website for our new curriculum information.** Mrs Inkpen will be teaching on Mondays and Tuesdays. Mrs Leach will be teaching on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. On Tuesday afternoons we will be covering each other for our PPA release time.

Reading

Mr Pettifer wrote to parents at the end of the Autumn Term to clarify our expectations around reading with your child at home. **Children will no longer be bringing home their physical phonics book** but will continue to have access to the Ebooks for Little Wandle Phonics. They will bring home a reading for pleasure book from the school library, which we are asking you to support your child with. Every week on a **Thursday from 3:10-3:30pm** parents are welcome to come into school to read your child's phonics book in the hall. We also ask that reading at home is recorded in their reading record book. These are checked every Monday.

Spellings

Children will no longer bring home a list of spellings to learn each week. Instead we will be allowing time each day in class to learn and spell new words containing their phonic sounds. Please see the attached list of words the children will be learning over the next half term. The year 1s will have spellings linked to their daily phonics. Please see the attached overviews. Children will not be having a weekly test as we will cover the words during weekly dictations.

Phonics

We will be offering a parent workshop this term to provide you with further information about the phonics screen, for year 1 children in our school. This will be on **Tuesday 4th March from 5:30-6:00.**

PE

This term we have our P.E sessions on a Tuesday and a Friday. To aid transition times and to give longer for our P.E session, children will continue to come in wearing their P.E kit on these days. We would appreciate your support in ensuring that your child has the appropriate **labelled** clothing for these lessons. P.E kit is: a white school P.E t-shirt/ or plain white, black shorts or black jogging bottoms, a school fleece or school jumper and trainers. Children are not to wear football kit or other sports clothing.

We are sure that your child will have a happy, productive and enjoyable term but should you wish to discuss any aspect of their experiences at Upottery, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Many thanks for your continued support. We look forward to working with you throughout the year.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Emma Leach and Mrs Zoe Inkpen



Our School Values

Respect Learning Resilience Care Happiness Celebration