



IMPORTANT DATES:

### March

Monday 3rd - Puffins Parent Consultations

Tuesday 4th—Kingfishers & Grebes Parent Consultations

Thursday 6th, 2.50—Kingfishers class assembly and World Book Day

Friday 7th—1pm U8 Girls Football Festival

W/B 10th—British Science Week

Monday 10th—1pm U10 Girls Football Festival

Tuesday 11th— 11.30 U11 dodgeball competition

Thursday 13th, 2.50—Puffins class assembly

Thursday 13th, 4pm—Skiing starts

Friday 14th, 2.30pm—FoTS meeting

Monday 31st, 3.30—last SATs booster for the term

### April

Thursday 3rd, 2.50—Show ‘n’ Share

Thursday 3rd—last skiing

Friday 4th, 2pm—Easter Service

W/B Monday 7th—Easter Holiday

Tuesday 22nd—PD day

Wednesday 23rd—children return to school

# February 2025



## Message from the Head teacher

Dear Parents and Pupils,

I hope you all had a lovely half term. It certainly feels more ‘spring-like’ already. January seemed to drag on forever and now can you believe we’re at the end of February?

We took part in our first sporting event of 2025; well done to our basketball team, you were very determined playing against some much taller players. We have a lot of sporting events coming up this half term, thank you to all the children who took part and the parents who offer to help transport pupils.



We also supported NSPCC Number day by wearing clothing with a number or pattern on. We raised £27, thank you to everyone who took part.

We also enjoyed the Talent Show and School Disco in the last week of term—an enjoyable end to the half term after the visit by Ofsted in the previous week.

I am not yet in a position to share the findings of the Ofsted Inspection with you. We have seen the draft report and, given our changes in staffing last half term, we are pleased with the outcome. Thank you to all of the parents who supported the school with positive comments to the inspectors, especially those who took the time to go onto Ofsted’s Parentview, the positive responses overwhelmingly outweighed any negative views. The areas for improvement within the draft report did not come as a surprise to us and are areas that we are already working on.

I look forward to speaking with many of you next week at the Parent Consultations but please make arrangements to speak with me if there is anything you would like to know or discuss.

Kind regards  
**Mrs Beverley Derrett**



Puffins

## Our Learning this Half Term

Puffins Class Parent Newsletter Spring (2) 2025

### Dear Parents,

Welcome back to all our Puffins and their families. I hope you all had a lovely half term and had time to relax and venture outside despite it being very cold.

We had a busy end of term finishing off all our units of work ready for coming back after half term. I can't believe Easter will be with us before we know it.

Don't forget if you need to speak to me please catch me after school or speak to Mrs Bartlett to pass on a message to me.

Mrs Cocksedge

### Maths

In Maths our learning will be based on Multiplication and Division, Statistics and Length and Height.

### English

Our learning in English will be centred around the story 'The Barnabus Project' by the Fan Brothers. We will be learning about adventure narratives, non-chronological reports and poetry.

### Foundation Subjects

We are also going to be learning about the following :-

Science—Exploring Everyday materials

Computing— Skills Showcase—Rocket to the moon

R.E— Christianity—Prayer and Worship

PSHE— Citizenship

Art— Painting and Mixed media : Colour Splash

Music— Instruments—Storytelling

History—How did we learn to fly?

DT—A balanced diet



Puffins

### Useful Ways to Share Learning at Home

- \* Read with your child on a regular basis.
- \* Number and Letter formation
- \* Work with us on any of the areas within 'Our learning section' above that you think your child might need extra support on.

#### On-going Learning for the Term for Puffins

Spellings	Read Write Inc or SPAG
Handwriting	Regular Reading
Cross-Curricular Activities	

#### Key Dates and routines to Remember

Wednesday and Friday- P.E – P.E kits do need to be in school at all times.

Show & Tell will continue to take place this year but not on a set day just as an when your child might have something to share. Children can bring in something linked to what we are learning about or maybe something they have achieved outside of school i.e. medal / certificate once a week.

No toys or cuddlies would be appreciated.

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Kingfishers



Grebes

# Kingfishers and Grebes

## Our Learning this Half Term

Kingfishers Class Parent Newsletter Spring (2) 2025

### Dear Parents,

Kingfishers and Grebes have had a lively start back. Well done to Grebes for delivering the first Class Assembly of the term, you all showed great responsibility in planning your own sections. We look forward to seeing Kingfishers' next week.

Just a reminder that all children have a spelling test on Wednesdays. We can tell the children who are practising these at home as they are the children getting good scores. Please can you remind your child to practise them or even better, help them to learn them. This is particularly important for the Year 6 children who will have some additional spellings over the next few weeks. These are the 100 words that children in England are expected to be able to spell by the end of Year 6.

Much of the learning the children started in the first half of the Spring term will continue as we have split the curriculum between the two teachers, rather than into two half term.

Please do not hesitate to speak with us if you have any questions or concerns.  
Mrs Derrett and Mrs Cook

### Useful Ways to Share Learning at Home

- Enjoy books with your child – even 5 minutes a day is fine. Encourage them to read independently every day and remind them to take quizzes at school as this will help improve their comprehension skills.
- Please encourage your child to do times table rock stars every day for 5 minutes. It will help them learn their times tables and also access the Maths curriculum more easily. The Year 6 expectations are so much harder for children to attain without fluent recall of times tables.
- Encourage your child to use spelling shed to practise their spellings.
- Practice your child's spellings with them each day for their weekly test on Wednesday.
- Encourage children to watch the news and be aware of world-wide events.
- Encourage year 6 children to pack their school bag and check they have their reading book, PE kit etc to encourage independence and prepare them for high school.
- Allow your child some 'down time.' This means evenings or weekend days where they do nothing structured. Academics believe that an element of boredom helps to develop a child's creativity, resilience and independence.
- Turn off all electronic devices at least one hour before bedtime. This includes TV. Encourage your child to read in bed or read/make up bedtime stories with them.

Below is the summary of what we will be covering this half term in each subject.

### **Our Learning summary**

**English** With Mrs Derrett on Mondays & Tuesdays the children will read the novel ‘Street Child’ which fits with our learning in history. Mrs Cook will read ‘Shackleton’s Journey’ on Thursdays and Fridays . Wednesday continues to be spellings and swimming.

**Maths** Kingfishers are learning about Length and Perimeter with Mrs Derrett and Grebes will learn about decimals and percentages once this unit on multiplying and dividing fractions is complete. Both classes will learn multiplication and division with Mrs Cook, moving onto area, volume and perimeter with Grebes, and mass and capacity with Kingfishers.

**Science** Mrs Cook will teach the science unit all about Electricity this half term.

**History** To tie in with our class book ‘Street Child’, we will be learning about The Vile Victorians!

**Geography** To tie in with our class book ‘Shackleton’s Journey’, pupils will complete the geography unit ‘What is life like in the Alps?’ from last half term before moving onto Climate Change and why do oceans matter?

**DT** – Navigating the world

**Computing** Creating Media – Stop Motion Animation

**RE** We will complete our unit of work on Hinduism - What spiritual pathways to Moksha are written about in Hindu scriptures? Then move onto Judaism: What is holiness for Jewish people: a place, a time, an object or something else?

### **Key dates and routines to remember:**

**Monday:** County Music lesson (bring instrument if it has been loaned to you)

**Wednesday:** Spelling test and new spellings given out. PE (swimming kit)

**Friday:** PE (PE kit)

Please can children bring in their reading book and reading diary every day so we can listen to them read.

The children are welcome to bring items for show & tell any day but we cannot promise we will get time every day but will try our best. Please do encourage your child to share any recent achievements such as a new swimming group, trying something new, a certificate.





## School Council



We have a fantastic School Council this year who have been very proactive and taken responsibility for organising a number of events.

‘Eyes down’ at lunchtime is proving to be very popular with multiplication bingo.

We had lots of super entries into the Talent Show, well done to everyone who took part and especially Maya, our winning gymnast.

They have also delivered a very informative presentation on Mental Health to the whole school.



We look forward to hearing about what they have planned for this half term.



## Mrs Derrett’s

### Philosophical thought for the month



Would you rather

**A) have telekinesis (the ability to move things with your mind)**

or

**B) telepathy (the ability to read minds)?**

because ...

Remember your reasons are more important than your answer!