



## Kingfisher and Owls Class Parent Update Spring 2 - 2024



We hope you all had a restful half term, ready for a short but busy run up to Easter! Let's hope that we're all ready for lots of new learning.



### Around the World and the USA.

Our topic this half term is **Around the World and the USA**. We will be looking at changes within living memory in **History**, how our community and shops have changed. In our **Geography** we will be comparing London with The Amazon.

In **Maths** we are going to be looking at addition and subtraction followed by looking at money and beginning to move onto shape. To begin with we will revisit our addition and subtraction work from last term. We will then look at money, learning coin and note value and linking this to our addition and subtraction work. In our lessons, we are developing our mathematical reasoning skills: when answering a question, we have to explain 'how we know' as this encourages us to use precise mathematical language to explain our answers.

**NUMBOTS** We will continue using 'Numbots' to help us to learn our number skills. The children have their own login and password. Each time we use this, we talk about the importance of keeping our passwords private. We are happy for the children to take their passwords home so that they can do Numbots at home if they wish to.



We will also be consolidating our learning using Mathletics, another computer-based programme. Again, the children have a login and password.

In our ongoing learning tasks, we will continue to develop our phonological awareness skills, using Sounds Write. Alongside this, we are introducing a new programme called 'Kinetic Letters'. This enables us to develop our fine and gross motor skills as well as how we think about writing. Making it fun and engaging.



### Religious Education

We are going to be learning that people use the opportunity of Lent to change and make a new start. We will also be retelling the story of Palm Sunday and Easter.

### Computing

This half term we are going to begin to understand technology and how it is used in illustrations. We will be learning how to retrieve and manipulate pictures, as well as combining files together in a different program.



### Music

We will be learning new songs and linking them to our USA theme.

### Personal, social and health education (PSHE).

This half term we will be linking our PSHE learning with our RE. We will be looking at the UN Rights of the Child in more detail and helping the children learn that we all have the right to be healthy. The importance of hygiene and keeping our bodies healthy.



### Important Reminders about Kingfisher and Owls Class

**FOREST SCHOOL**- This is still on a Friday afternoon. Please bring all of your outdoor kit to school each week. It is beginning to get very cold and muddy in the forest school area so wellies are a must. As the weather gets colder and wetter, please ensure that your child has waterproofs and hats for Forest schools, as well as A CHANGE OF CLOTHES. This IS essential this half term!

PLEASE COULD YOU ALSO MAKE SURE THAT YOUR CHILD BRINGS A **WATERPROOF COAT WITH HOOD** TO SCHOOL **EVERY DAY**, WE GO OUT TO PLAY IN ALL WEATHERS!

Please ensure you log in to Tapestry, as we are sharing more of your child's learning this term. We would also love to hear what your child gets up to at the weekends or any exciting things you'd like to share with us.

Mrs Soar, Mrs Jackson, Miss Abi, Miss Carys, Miss Griggs and Miss Moorhouse