# Kingfishers - Autumn Term 1

Welcome to Kingfishers class! Here are the highlights of our learning this half term.

<u>English</u>

<u>Writing</u>

We are working towards accurately using **finger spaces** and **full stops** in our sentences.
We will be exploring Traditional Tales with a focus on The Three Little Pigs and will be creating our own version of the story!
Our non – fiction topic will be based on 'Facts about Animals'. We will be exploring how to write facts before creating a fact file based on our class's name... Kingfisher!
In Handwriting, we are focusing on writing our names, numbers and some lower-case letters.
<u>Ways to support at home:</u> Start a diary writing a sentence a day focusing on finger spaces and full stops; research your child's favourite animals and write a fact file to share with the class!

<u>Reading</u>

We continue to use our phonics sounds to help us segment and blend unknown words as well as read our Common Exception Words in sentences.
<u>Ways to support at home:</u> Reading 3 times a week; practising the sounds and CEW's in the reading diary; segmenting and blending unknown words orally with your child.

<u>Geography – Our School and Local Area (Bowbrook)</u>

We will be doing lots of fieldwork around school and local area and will be exploring maps, before creating simple maps for others. We are focusing on spotting the difference between aerial and ground level photographs and simple human and physical features of our area.
<u>Ways to support at home:</u> Create a 'hide and seek' treasure map; look at the features of your home to identify the type of house you live in.

<u>PSHE</u>

We will be exploring Road Safety and the importance of taking our time when crossing the road. We will also be looking at the different crossings to use as pedestrians and also how to stay safe when travelling in a car.

<u>Computing</u>

We will be looking at the importance of being safe online and what to do if something happens that makes us feel worried or nervous online. We will also be developing our mouse and keyboard skills to help us log on and select a program!

<u>R.E</u>

We will be exploring the Key Question: What does it mean to belong to a faith community? We will have a visit from Reverend Charlotte to ask her our questions, before comparing Christianity and Judaism and the ways people are welcomed into the faith community.

<u>Maths</u>

We are exploring numbers within 100 and are focusing on becoming accurate when **counting up to 100** and **back from 20**.
We are looking at subitising numbers and are exploring the composition of numbers within 10, using 5 as our base number e.g. 5+2=7.
We will be continuing to use + - = to write equations and will be looking at < > to describe and compare numbers.
<u>Ways to support at home:</u> Practise counting up to 100 and back from 20 (and beyond!); explore counting amounts for accuracy e.g. when baking, tidying up; writing numbers accurately.

<u>Science</u>

<u>Animals, including humans</u>

We will be identifying, classifying and grouping animals. We will be exploring the food groups and characteristic groups animals can be sorted into.
<u>Ways to support at home:</u> go on a wildlife walk and draw any animals you spot – when you get home you can research about the animals!

<u>Seasonal Changes</u>

We are looking at how summer transitions into autumn and how the world around us changes.
We will be looking at daylight hours, weather and temperature and clothing.
<u>Ways to support at home:</u> Go on a walk and collect signs of autumn, bring your findings home to create a piece of artwork!

<u>Design and Technology – Freestanding Structures</u>

Our poor class bear doesn't have anywhere to rest, we will be exploring Freestanding Structures to make him a strong, sturdy chair to sit on! We will be looking at different joins and materials before we design and make our chairs!

<u>P.E</u>

We will be going to Shrewsbury School to develop our swimming skills.
In Gymnastics, we will be exploring jumping, balancing, rolling and travelling using low level equipment.

<u>Music</u>

Mrs Porrett is back in school teaching the children all about graphic notation and pitch, looking at high and low sounds!

<u>Spanish</u>

Senora Jones will be exploring how to greet, ask and respond to simple questions, as well as exploring numbers to 10!