



St White's Primary School



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Dear Kingfisher Class,

A warm welcome back!

I hope you had a wonderful summer holiday and are well rested for and ready for what is going to be a very exciting year of learning. To begin the year, our first topic is centered on the Great Fire of London. We will particularly be focusing on why the Great Fire of London spread so quickly and the key people involved in the event.

### PE

This half term, PE lessons will be on **Wednesday** and **Thursday** so children will need to ensure that they have their full PE kit in school on these days. If you are not sure of the school PE kit, a poster is displayed by the classroom door or the office can provide you with a letter detailing the full kit. It's really important that your child has all the uniform for these sessions. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Reading Homework

The school will provide a home school communication book, with lots of great information included in it for both you and your child. It is also a means of recording homework activities, including a record of reading for both school and home reading. It would be very helpful if you could ensure that you are also recording in there when you hear your child read. It's important to share that quality time with your child.

Children need to ensure their reading record is in school every day; it will then be signed weekly by both myself and you. The school has the expectation that your child is engaging in reading at home at least 5 times a week. This must be recorded in their homework diaries. We understand that it requires some of your time, but this is vital for your child's development through their school lives. This provides a platform to develop and apply phonetical knowledge taught at school and continue the learning outside the classroom.

By the end of year 1, your child will be expected to reach Turquoise reading band in order to achieve the end of year expectations.

### Spelling Homework

Your child will be given a set of five spellings to learn starting with List 1. These words will consist of the year 1 common exception words (words that cannot be sounded out).

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Please feel free to use the pages in the front of the book to help your child learn their spellings. Copies of the spellings will also be uploaded to the class webpage for future reference.

### **Maths Homework**

Mental maths books will be given to each child to complete in addition to their class work. I would like children to complete a page a week and then mark it from the answers in the back of the book. Please ensure it is completed in pencil and that any jottings are written in the jotter provided. If you would like support with any of the methods your child is taught so that you can support them with their homework then do not hesitate to come and see me.

To further help your child to practice their times tables, all pupils will be given a login to an app/website called '**Times Tables Rock Stars.**' This is a fun and rewarding way for pupils to practice their tables so please do try this out!

### **POWER Project**

To support the work that the children are doing in school on their topic they will also be given a POWER project to complete during each short term. If your child requires any extra support or resources to support this then please do see me.

We will once again be running a KS1 homework club on a Wednesday after school where staff will be on hand to support children. Please look out for the clubs letter to sign up your child if you think this is something that they would benefit from in addition to the support you provide at home.

This year promises to be an exciting one with so many fantastic activities already planned; I look forward to working with both you and your child. I am always on hand at the beginning or end of the school day if you have any queries that I can help with.

Best wishes,

Mrs T Morgan

Kingfisher Class Teacher



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