



Termly overview for parents of children in Kingfisher Class
Term 2 – Autumn 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the beginning of the most exciting term of the year (in my opinion!).

We are going to focus our learning around Geography this term, with a topic called 'Our Planet.' This sequence of learning will ask the following questions about key aspects of human geography: How does human activity lead to pollution and how does this affect the environment? What is the link between energy use, fossil fuels, carbon emissions and climate change? Why are non-renewable energy sources contributing to the energy problem? What are the advantages and disadvantages of renewable energy sources? Who is responsible for the energy problem and who can solve it? This is such an important topic for this younger generation to engage with so I am hopeful it will garner much discussion and interest.

Our class book this term will be 'Kensuke's Kingdom' by Michael Morpurgo. For those not familiar with this story, a boy named Michael is shipwrecked on a remote island, where he must learn to survive and eventually befriend a mysterious, solitary Japanese man named Kensuke. The story explores themes of survival, friendship, cultural differences, and the loss of family, particularly through their bond and Kensuke's backstory from World War II. Our science learning this term will be about Earth and Space and, excitingly, Mrs. Bevan has just confirmed that we will have an evening of stargazing along with a science dome to look forward to after school when Bath Astronomers visit school! More details to follow but it promises to be a lovely evening (if weather allows).

Our new homework format has proved popular so this will continue. A reminder that the expectation is that at least 3 of the 5 are completed. As with last term, weekly spelling on Edshed will be set, along with a weekly Mathletics or Times Table tasks. **Please continue to ensure that your child reads with an adult at least 4 times a week and to record this in their reading diary.** Year 4 will continue to focus on their times tables daily and I would urge you to allow your children to use the UR Brainy MTC practice site as often as possible - <https://urbrainy.com/mtc/test>

Please make sure that children have their PE kits in school all week. As with last term, PE sessions are scheduled for Wednesdays and will be led by Mr. Hodgson from Up and Under Sports Coaching. We will continue to take the whole class swimming this term, beginning again on the first Friday back to school. A reminder that it will be important to include warmer clothing such as jogging bottoms and a fleece for PE now, as well as a coat, hat, gloves and scarf for playtimes.

Finally, could I add a plea for you to name your children's clothing, especially jumpers or cardigans, as these go missing at an alarming rate. This is usually due to the children taking them off at breaktime or lunchtime and hanging them over a bench or putting them on one of the picnic tables. I'm afraid that many of them don't think to check a name before picking a jumper or cardigan up at the end of break, meaning that once an item of clothing is lost, it is almost impossible to reunite it with its owner without a name! Our thanks for your help with this.

A Curriculum Jigsaw is attached for your information alongside a Knowledge Organiser. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any comments or concerns via email or by telephone.

Kind Regards
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