



Kington St. Michael C.E. Primary School

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Termly overview for parents of children in Kingfisher Class Term 1 – Autumn 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

A very warm welcome to our new Kingfisher class (and a warm welcome back to those of you that are lucky enough to be starting your second year with us!) I hope you have had a wonderful summer break and are ready for the first exciting term in Years 4 and 5. We have a host of wonderful support in class this year, with Mrs. Attiogbe and Mrs. Croffie each day along with Mrs. Metcalfe and Mrs. Grey.

We start with a history topic called 'Fascinating Pharaohs.' As usual, our learning will be through a cross-curricular approach. We will firstly explore the geography of Egypt and the River Nile before considering what everyday life was like for the Ancient Egyptians. We will discuss the importance of artefacts in identifying vital clues to an ancient civilisation's way of life. We will take a particular interest in the Pharaoh Tutankhamun and learn about Howard Carter's amazing discovery of his tomb. Excitingly, we are going to the Bristol Museum on 18th September (letter to follow) to learn more about the Ancient Egyptians and see some real artefacts.

Our class book, 'Secrets of the Sun King' by Emma Carroll will complement our topic beautifully. It will provide great opportunities to extend our vocabulary and provide super discussion points, which will help us practice our VIPERS skills (Vocabulary, Inference, Prediction, Explanation, Retrieval, Summarise). Set in 1922, when Howard Carter discovered the tomb of Tutankhamun, it tells the story of a mysterious jar taken away from its resting place and which must be returned. It is a gripping tale of childhood friendship and adventure and I'm really looking forward to sharing it with the children. In Art and Design, we will be making links to our topic by learning how to sketch Ancient Egyptian faces and using shading, blending and collage to create silhouettes.

Homework will be different this year across the school. We will be introducing a homework grid, which will consist of 5 tasks to complete over the course of the term. The expectation is that **at least 3** of the 5 are completed. Alongside these tasks, 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 be assessed on their knowledge of times tables up to 12 x12 in the summer term. Therefore, it is important to practise times tables as often as possible to support confidence, growth and fluency.

Please make sure that children have their PE kits in school all week. Usually, our PE sessions are scheduled for Wednesdays and will be led by Mr. Hodgson from Up and Under Sports Coaching. In addition, we will be taking the whole class swimming this term, beginning on Friday 12th September. As the weather turns colder, it will be important to include warmer clothing such as jogging bottoms and a fleece as well as a coat for playtimes.

A Curriculum Jigsaw is attached for your information alongside a Knowledge Organiser (which has more detail about what will be covered in our topic work). Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any comments or concerns via email or by telephone.

Kind Regards

Mrs Sarah Myers
Kingfisher Class Teacher

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