



KS1 Team

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Curriculum Overview

Term 5/6 – May - July 2026

**Kingfisher, Woodpecker and Nightingale
Classes- Year 1/2**

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We hope you have had a lovely start to the Summer – there are lots of exciting things coming up in this final, Summer term, including a trip to the University of Bath towards the end of Term 6 (more information to follow soon)!

This term and next term our topic is What a Wonderful World, where we will be learning about other countries including an Olympics focus! We will be identifying the different continents, looking at the human and physical features of different countries, as well as some famous sports people and their countries of origin!

In English, we will be looking at a selection of Julia Donaldson poetry before half term and Claude in the City after half term, which is a graphic novel. Children will be writing and performing their own poetry, as well as creating their own narratives. We will also be focusing on learning spelling rules about adding suffixes and prefixes, and what happens to the root word when we do this.

In Maths, we will be learning about money, fractions and time over the course of the Summer. Time in particular can be a tricky concept for the children to grasp, so it would be really helpful for parents to get any practice in with analogue clocks (or an analogue clock represented on a screen) and talking about o'clock, half past, and quarter to. Thank you so much for your continued support, it makes all the difference in helping these tricky concepts stick!



Home Learning

It is still essential that the children are completing home learning tasks in order to consolidate their learning. **We cannot express enough the importance of your child reading daily.** This can be both independently and to another adult or older sibling. We are also sending out some optional home learning challenges for the children to further their engagement with our topic. Children can pick one or two activities and there will be an opportunity to bring in and share towards the end of the term.

Due to a new spelling scheme being implemented in KS2, Spellings of the Year 1/2 Common Exception Words will no longer be tested each week. We will however be practicing these in school as the children will need to be secure to read, spell and apply these within their writing by the end of the academic year. We encourage you to still practise these at home with your children regularly.

Please speak to your class teacher if you would like another copy of these at home.

Reading

In Year 1, children will bring home a Sounds-Write specific reading book to read daily at home. In Year 2, children will bring home a Sounds-Write specific reading book to read daily at home and once all of the Sounds-Write books have been completed will be moved to coloured band books. The children will only be moved to the next book once they are 90% fluent in reading their Sounds-Write books. Please record that a child has read to somebody at home in their Reading Record. Adults in school will assess and monitor children's progress on internal records, logging against Sounds-Write criteria, so will no longer be recording this in the Reading Records, which will primarily be for home adults to use. Sounds-Write books will usually be changed early in the week and children will also be bringing home a library book weekly to encourage reading for pleasure.

PE Kit and Other Outdoor Clothing

PE sessions will be held on the days stated below; however, there will be occasions where we will need to be flexible so, please ensure your child has their PE kit available in school every day.

PE kit should consist of black shorts or jogging bottoms, their house-coloured plain t-shirt and their school jumper.

As the weather is starting to get warmer, please can you ensure that your child has a named sun hat in school.

Please ensure all items of uniform are named!

Term 5 (before May half term)

Kingfisher – Tuesday and Thursday

Nightingale – Monday and Wednesday

Woodpecker – Wednesday and Thursday

An updated timetable will be sent for Term 6 before half term.



Please ensure your child has a coat in school at **all** times, especially as the weather is changeable.

Planning time

Each week, the teachers in our phase have planning and preparation time, which they complete out of class. This will be on the following days, with the following cover arrangements:

Kingfisher – Miss Donkin teaching all day Monday and Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. Miss Beaven teaching Wednesday afternoons, all day Thursday and Friday

Nightingale – Wednesday mornings

As one of our learner's values, we encourage the children's independence in communicating messages; however, any important messages can be communicated via email to the office admin@paxcroft.equamead.org or please feel free to pop in and see us; we hold an open door policy and are more than happy to arrange a convenient time to meet.

Kind regards,

Miss Beaven, Mr Benjamin and Miss Donkin