

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely break and the Easter bunny visited! Everyone has returned to school with fantastic enthusiasm and positivity, proving what great learners they all are. We have an exciting term planned, including a Dance workshop and a trip to Bude, which is a part of our Science and Geography sequences this term.

The daily routine remains the same. The children will arrive between 8.50-9.00 am, when they will be welcomed in to the school. The children should have book bags that can be put away easily in their trays, as we do not have the space in our cloakrooms to store larger bags. It would be great if you could still provide the children with raincoats this term, as the weather can be rather changeable. These can be left in the cloakroom in case they are needed.

The children will have PE on a Monday and Friday afternoon. The children should wear black or navy blue joggers or shorts, a white t-shirt and a school hoodie or sweatshirt for PE. A plain, unbranded black or navy blue hoodie is also permitted. All children are still advised to wear trainers every day to school, which will be helpful for any other outdoor learning and activities the children participate in. After half term, we will be having Forest School sessions again, which we are really looking forward too! More information about this will follow.

There are a few changes to the newsletter this term. Instead of the subject web we normally share with you, we are sharing the cover sheets from the children's books. You can access these by visiting our website – please click [here](#). These show you the sequence of lessons and what will be taught. They give the vocabulary we will be using in lessons and have examples of questions used. The displays in the classroom follow this sheet too, so the children can reference them as they work through their learning. Every week a piece of work or some photos will replace the page showing the learning objective.

In English, we will begin our learning with a sequence on *Lord of the Forest* by Caroline Pitcher. This is a beautifully illustrated fiction book about a tiger meeting other animals in the forest and realising how special he is. We will then move on to *I Love Bugs* by Emma Dodd. This is a poetry text all about minibeasts and the children will be writing their own descriptive poems. During the second half of the term, we will be looking at *Hidden World: Oceans* by Libby Walden. For this sequence, the children will be creating a class lift-the-flap book about animals or plants of a particular environment/habitat together. We will also be using the book, *Splat Says Thank You!* by Rob Scotton to further develop their writing and storytelling skills.

We will continue to send a love of reading book home every week. These are for sharing and the children choose them themselves. They might want to share the pictures, have a go at reading it or have it read to them. These books will be to develop a love of reading and will enable them to explore their interests and different text types. Year 1 will have access to Collins



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Ebooks, where they will be able to read the books used weekly in our Guided Reading sessions. These books are selected for their links with the phonics being taught. Year 2 will bring home their own Guided Reading books, with activities to complete with you.

There will be weekly spelling tests on Mondays, which support the Year 2 spelling curriculum and Year 1 phonics programme. Spelling lists are sent out half-termly so that you can practise them with your children. Helping your child to learn their weekly spellings is very important and we thank you for your support with this.

In Maths, Year 2 will be completing units of work on time, length and height, position and direction, problem solving (using their understanding of numbers and calculations), as well as mass, capacity and volume. Year 1 will be completing units on time, multiplication and division, fractions, position and direction, place value within 100 and money.

Home learning is daily reading and learning the weekly spellings.

If you have any questions about anything regarding your child, please do not hesitate to contact us. Please email admin@kingsnympton.devon.sch.uk

Kind regards

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