



**Kingfisher Class**  
**2017/18**  
**Ms Mehigan**  
**Mrs Cooper**  
**Mrs Moore**  
**Term 1 Newsletter**

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

Welcome back!

I hope you had a wonderful summer break.

I have been so impressed with how our Kingfisher pupils have begun their year in Year 5; the first week was filled with lots of focus, enthusiasm and hard work and I am sure this fantastic learning attitude will continue throughout the rest of the year. Over the first few days, we spent time discussing Oaks Primary Academy's values and, in particular, what it means to be 'inspiring.' The pupils spoke so confidently about their hopes for the future and who inspires them to achieve these goals. We've also had lots of fun learning how to play the 'Countdown' Maths game – there was a lot of competition in the classroom to see just how many different strategies we could use to reach the target number.

This year, Kingfisher class will be developing their musicianship by learning to play the ukulele with Ms O'Donoghue and the pupils are really excited to get started. Ukulele lessons will take place every Friday and we look forward to sharing our progress with you as we learn.

I hope that this will be a happy and productive year for all. If at any point you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to come and speak with me.

Ms Mehigan

**PE lessons** this term will take place on a **Tuesday** and **Swimming lessons** will take place on a **Thursday** for Terms 1-3. All children should have a school PE kit and bag. PE kit should be brought to school on the first day of term and left there until after the final PE lesson of the term. Please ensure that all PE and uniform items are clearly labeled with your child's name. If you have any queries about uniform or kit requirements, please see our school website or ask at the school office.

**Spelling lists** will be sent home every term and pupils will have a different spelling pattern to focus on each week. Each pattern will have 10 spellings for pupils to practice at home; your support in this is greatly appreciated. Please also encourage your child to read their **Home Reader** regularly.

This term, we will be exploring '**Art**' and basing all our learning around this topic. Kingfishers are beginning this week with Banksy's street art and we will then spend the rest of the term looking at different artists with a range of styles and techniques, from sculpture to photography and beyond!