



Kingfisher Class
2017/18
Ms Mehigan
Mrs Cooper
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Term 3 Newsletter

Dear Parents, Guardians and Pupils,

Thank you very much for your support last term with our Christmas Carol Service, whether it was helping your child to learn their lines, putting a costume together or attending their performance. I hope you enjoyed the festive season and had a restful break; a very happy new year to you all.

Over the next three weeks, we are going to continue with our learning linked to the Victorian topic. In particular, we are going to look at engineering and the Industrial Revolution. We will be investigating how Victorian engineers built the first railway bridges and then will be planning, designing, building and evaluating our own.

In Week 4, we will begin our Space topic with a really exciting visit from a mobile planetarium. The huge dome will be inflated in the school hall and Year 5 and 6 pupils will experience an astronomy show about the stars, constellations, planets, galaxies and moons, as well as a Q&A with an astronomer.

Here are some dates for your Year 5 diary for the upcoming term:

Thursday 18th January from 2pm: *Open Classroom for Year 5 – come see our bridges and help test them out!*

Thursday 25th January (afternoon): *Astronomy Roadshow (please return payment of £3.60 by this date)*

Thursday 1st February: *Young Voices at the O2 (Choir only)*

Thursday 8th February: *Last day of term*

Best wishes,
Ms Mehigan

PE lessons this term will take place on a **Tuesday**; this is also the final term for Year 5 **swimming lessons** on **Thursdays**. 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 labelled 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.

Please look carefully at your child's **Spelling lists** for this term; pupils will have a different spelling pattern to focus on each week, which will be tested at the end of each week. **Brain Builders** will continue to go home on Fridays and are due back on Wednesdays. Please also encourage your child to read their **Home Reader** regularly. Your support at home is greatly appreciated.

Times Tables

It is essential that pupils in Year 5 know all their times tables up to $12 \times 12 = 144$, as well as the related division facts up as far as $144 \div 12 = 12$. Many other areas of maths depend on pupils knowing their tables facts and they need this basic knowledge to be successful. Please help your child to practise at home until they have quick accurate recall.