

Kingfisher Class FAQs

1. How do we contact you?: The easiest way to do this is by email. My 'office hours' are officially 9:00am-1:00pm but in reality I am at my computer much more than that. The only days I may be slow in responding are those days that I am teaching key workers in school. If you would like to speak to me for any reason - help, advice, support, encouragement - email me to let me know and I'll give you a ring.

2. Do we need to send you work? The only way I know that children are engaging with in the learning I am setting is if you tell me and show me! I would therefore love to see examples of their work on a regular basis - everyday if you wish but at least a few times a week otherwise. This will enable me to celebrate their successes, feedback to the children, offer support and tweak ongoing planning as required. You don't have to send me absolutely everything but a few photos and a note about how things are going would be very much appreciated and will save me chasing you to find out how it's going!

3. How much time should we spend? Do we have to do everything? The government is advising children in Key Stage 1 are set a minimum of 3 hours learning a day. My feeling is that should you start work at 'school time' (9:00am-ish) in the morning, you should be finished what we have set for the day by lunchtime. We have all worked incredibly hard in school (and at home) this year to accelerate progress and 'catch-up' children after the previous lockdown and I'm anxious we don't let the fantastic progress we have made slip during the current one. Therefore please continue to prioritise the key skills by reading every day, writing something every day and doing the maths lesson and some Reflex every day as far as possible!

4. Where are the plans and resources for the home learning? Plans for the following week will be put on the website on the preceding Friday (i.e. today for next week) so that those of you that like to know what's coming can see in advance the plans and the resources you will need. This will include all the links for the internet-based resources that you will need each day.

5. Do I need to look at the website every day? Yes. Please do! The Kingfisher Daily News page is updated everyday. It contains relevant news, details of Zooms and additional resources as they become available, photos of the children's work and words of praise for them.

6. I'm having difficulty motivating my child, what can I do? Let me know! I'm fully aware that we are all just doing our best in difficult and differing circumstances. I am always available to help. I am hopeful that regular 'start the day' Zooms will provide more of a sense of normality to the home learning day. We'll see how they go and evaluate their effectiveness in a week or two.

7. We don't have a printer! In most cases you won't need one. It would however be good to have an exercise book or similar you can record your home learning in. With regards to the maths specifically, you can see the questions on the pdf worksheets on screen and just talk about and/or record the answers only in your book. If however you would like printed sheets, let me know and I'll leave a weekly set at the school office for you to pick up.