



Hickling Infant School



Kingfisher Class



**Welcome to Autumn Term 2023**

Welcome to a brand new school year in Kingfisher Class! I hope you have all had a wonderful summer holiday. We have an exciting term ahead and I am looking forward to teaching you this year.

<b>Our Curriculum Autumn 2023</b>	<u>Our teachers</u> Class teacher – Miss Blake Classroom assistant – Mrs Madden (Mon – Thur mornings). Classroom assistant – Miss Turner (Fri morning). Forest School leader – Mrs Pell (Mon afternoon)
<b>CUSP Reading</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Grandad's Island</b></li> <li>● <b>Aesop's Fables</b> - The Goose that laid the Golden Eggs</li> <li>● <b>Mrs Noah's Pockets</b></li> <li>● <b>Paddington</b></li> <li>● <b>The Christmas Pine</b> - Julia Donaldson</li> </ul>	<u>Reading and home learning</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● This year we will be using a new reading and phonics scheme 'Little Wandle'. Thank you to those families who attending Mrs Moore's phonics meeting last week. I hope you found it useful.</li> </ul>
<b>CUSP Writing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Character descriptions</li> <li>● Poems developing vocabulary</li> <li>● Simple retelling of a narrative</li> <li>● Formal invitations</li> <li>● Stories from other cultures</li> </ul>	<u>Spelling</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● We are also introducing a new spelling scheme called CUSP spelling. CUSP spelling follows on from Little Wandle phonics and will be accessed mostly by our older children.</li> </ul>
<b>White Rose Maths</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Place value,</li> <li>● Addition,</li> <li>● Subtraction,</li> <li>● Geometry</li> </ul>	<u>Homework</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● We are in the process of reviewing our homework expectations and will inform you of our decisions soon.</li> </ul>
<b>CUSP Science</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Living things and their habitats</li> <li>● Animals, including humans</li> </ul>	<u>What we need in school every day</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Named book bag with reading book and reading record. <b><u>It is essential that these are in school every day.</u></b></li> <li>● Named water bottle containing <b>water only</b> please.</li> </ul>
<b>CUSP Art and Design</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Drawing</li> <li>● Painting</li> </ul>	<u>Snack</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● We offer the children fruit each morning. The children are however welcome to bring their own snack into school in a named bag/container.</li> </ul>
<b>Computing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Creating Media- Digital photography</li> <li>● Computing systems and networks- Technology</li> </ul>	<u>PE and Forest School</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● PE will be on a Wednesday. Where possible, children should keep their PE kit on their pegs for the duration of the half term/term.</li> <li>● Forest School will be on a Monday afternoon. Please send your child in with old clothes that you are happy to get muddy!</li> <li>● Please ensure you remove your child's earrings on these days.</li> </ul>
<b>CUSP Design and Technology</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Textiles</li> <li>● Food and Nutrition</li> </ul>	<u>Footwear</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Please ensure your child always has a pair of wellies and a pair of trainers in school.</li> </ul>
<b>CUSP Geography</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Human and Physical features</li> <li>● Compare a small part of the UK to a non-European location – London and Nairobi</li> </ul>	<u>Family reading</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Families will be invited straight into the classrooms at 8.35am on a Wednesday morning for family reading. The bell will be rung at 8.45am, families should leave promptly and the children will prepare for registration.</li> </ul>
<b>CUSP History</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Events beyond living memory</li> </ul>	<u>PTA meeting reminder</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● We would really love to recruit some additional PTA members onto the committee. Our first meeting of the new academic year will be on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30pm where we will map out our fundraising events for the year. I hope you're able to join us.</li> </ul>
<b>Music</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <u>Instruments</u> Djembe, Voices</li> <li>● <u>Charanga Unit</u> Hey You! (<i>genre- rap</i>)</li> </ul>	<u>Maths Monkey and Literacy (English) Lion</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Maths Monkey and Literacy Lion both live in Kingfisher class. The class will have the opportunity to take them home and do some</li> </ul>
<b>PE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Real PE (Personal)</li> <li>● Real Dance (Cognitive)</li> </ul>	
<b>PSHE/RSHE</b>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Relationships</i> - Communicating about feelings, difference between secrets/surprises, similarities and differences between people</li> </ul>	<p>maths/writing learning with them. This can be recorded in the book provided. Written recording or photographs are both welcomed. Please return these by the following Thursday.</p>
<p><b>RE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Philosophy</i>- What do my senses tell me about the world of religion and belief?</li> <li>• <i>Theology</i> - Why does Christmas matter to Christians?</li> </ul>	<p><u>Reading for Pleasure opportunities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mrs Russell, a volunteer from the village, will be coming into school on a Friday afternoon to share stories with our children.</li> </ul> <p><u>What to do if you have any concerns</u>  I will be on the playground every morning for a quick chat or if you require a longer appointment, I can be contacted at any time via the school office email address <a href="mailto:office@hickling.norfolk.sch.uk">office@hickling.norfolk.sch.uk</a></p>