# Happy New Year and a warm welcome back after the holiday break.

Thank you for taking the time to read the Kingfishers' Spring Term Newsletter.

We would like to make you aware of the work that your child will be covering this Spring Term.

Below is some information relating to each of the subject areas that will be studied.

#### **Mathematics**

We will be focusing for the first two weeks on **Number and Place Value**. Your child will have regular opportunities to count in different 'steps', read and write numbers in numerals **and** words, compare numbers using the language of "more than" and "less than" and understand the value of each digit in two and three-digit numbers.

We will then be moving on to **Multiplication and Division**, giving the children opportunities to understand the concepts of grouping and having the same thing lots of times.

Later in the term the children will learn about **Money** followed by work on **Geometry.** 

In all their Mathematics work we will be encouraging and expecting children to write numbers correctly and would be grateful if you could reinforce this at home too. Thank you.

#### **Computing**

Y1 children will be completing the Pictograms, Lego Builders and Maze Explorers units from the Purple Mash scheme of work. Y2 pupils will be completing the Spreadsheets and Questioning units from the Purple Mash scheme of work. Both groups will be learning about Online Safety.

## <u>English</u>

As well as our ongoing reading, grammar and spelling work, we have three exciting English 'mini-topics', all linked to our topic about '**Significant People'**.

These are:

- Traditional Tales
- Writing recounts about significant events
- ♣ Writing and answering 'Who am I?' riddles.

#### Science

The Year 1 children will be learning about Everyday Materials in the first half term and then moving on to Seasonal Changes in the second half term. The Year 2 children will be learning about Uses of Everyday Materials in the first half term and then moving on to Living Things and their Habitats in the second half term.

### <u>Topic</u>

As already mentioned our exciting new topic is **Significant People.** We will be learning about the life and work of some significant historical figures and the reasons why those figures are still remembered and celebrated today. We will be beginning with a study and comparison of the life and work of some famous nurses - Florence Nightingale, Mary Seacole and Edith Cavell - before moving on to a study of some famous explorers: Ibn Battuta, Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong. Throughout this topic the children will be developing their historical and geographical understanding as well as having opportunities for drawing, painting, and even acting!

## <u>RE</u>

We will be learning about how Jesus was special and Easter.

## <u>PE</u>

Over the Spring Term PE will be taught by Mrs Sattar. Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school every Friday.