

# 'Why does change happen?'

## Year 1 and 2 Newsletter Term 1 2025-2026

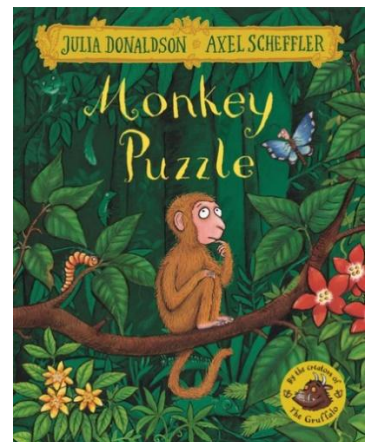
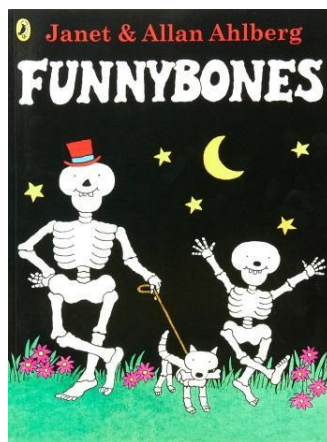
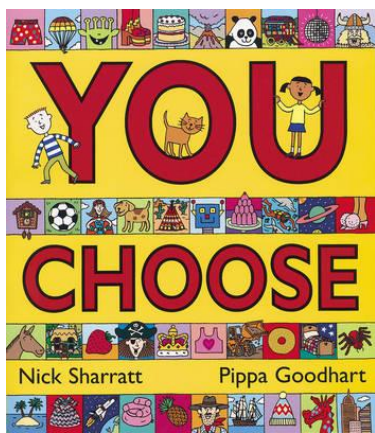
Dear Kingfisher Families,

Welcome back. We really hope everybody had a fun and relaxing summer. I am really looking forward to seeing all the children, meeting them properly and starting our new topics together. This term we will be exploring,

### **'Why does change happen?'**

This topic will support the children in understanding change and the impact this has in their lives.

Some of the key texts we will be using for our learning are:



The learning map attached to this newsletter outlines the areas we will be looking at and some of the work we will be sharing during teacher focussed activities and group work. We are also placing an emphasis on continuing to learn times tables through maths sessions and with your support at home.

### **Useful Websites to support learning.**

- <https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/human-body/>
- <https://kidshealth.org/en/kids/htbw/>
- <http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/humanbody.html>

### **Key Questions**

- 1) Can you discuss number, e.g what number is one more than 9?
- 2) Can you name some of the parts of your body, e.g head?
- 3) Can you find out about my significant event in the past?
- 4) Can you discuss why having a balanced diet is important?
- 5) Can you sing a song you have learnt about in Music?

# ‘Why does change happen?’ Learning Map Term 1 2025/20026

Literacy	Key writing skills		Repetition and alliteration		Story writing	
Maths	Number and place value			Addition and subtraction		
Science	Scientific enquiry		Healthy eating		Hygiene	
Animals including humans						
History	My personal history		Events in my local area		Events in my lifetime	
What has changed in my lifetime?						
Music	Songs about me					
ICT	E-Safety		Kapow Primary		mouse skills	
PSHE	SCARF		Being me in the world		All About Me	
Art	Mark making		Tones		Illustrations	
RE	What does it mean to belong to a faith community?		Faith community			

## Home learning:

<b>Reading</b>	<p>Please read with your child <b>at least three times a week</b>, even if it is just for 5 minutes. When reading with your child, please acknowledge the fact that the book has been shared by recording in the yellow reading record.</p> <p>During reading sessions, please discuss the story with your child and ask them questions about what they are reading. These questions will help to develop their understanding of what they are reading as comprehension and discussion are key reading skills in Year 1 and 2. Kingfishers are encouraged to change their books regularly, please can you help remind your child when their books need changing.</p>
<b>Phonics</b> Year 1	<p>Below you will find our Weekly Phonics overview- please read through these words with your child at home to supplement the Phonics teaching we will be completing in class.</p> <p><b>Week 1</b></p> <p>This week teaches the ff, ll, ss, zz, ck and nk graphemes.</p> <p><i>ff, ll, ss, zz and ck Graphemes</i></p> <p>The f, l, s, z and k sounds are usually spelt as ff, ll, ss, zz and ck if they come straight after a single vowel letter in short words. Exceptions: if, pal, us, bus, yes</p> <p>Example words: off, well, miss</p> <p><i>nk Grapheme</i></p> <p>Example words: bank, think, honk, sunk</p> <p><i>Year 1 CEW</i></p> <p>a (stress emphasis), be (being) , he, me, we, she, go, no, so, to, do, today, I, by, my</p>
<b>Maths</b>	<p>For Maths homework there will be weekly Maths activities set within your child's CPG books when they arrive. Until then, please focus on practicing the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.</p>

## Helping to enrich our topics

It is always great to have items that support our topic, so if anyone has any items that may help us with any of the work above that we could borrow, we would love to see them. We will have a topic-based 'show and tell' weekly on a Friday, see below the slot for your child.

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September** - Year 1 boys **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September**- Year 2 (boys and girls) and Year 1 girls

**Forest school** Please note, Forest school for Kingfishers will begin on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September. Please send your children in clothes that you don't mind get mucky, any waterproofs and wellies you have available and spare trainers/shoes for your child to wear throughout the day beforehand. Their next Forest School sessions will be on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October and Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October.

Thank you for your continued support,

Miss Hodge