

# Welcome to KSI

September 2023

We would like to start by saying a very warm welcome to all of the children and their parents! This year is already looking to be a very exciting and busy one!

We have had a wonderful first few days in school where the children have settled and adapted to new routines beautifully. Over time, we may need to change some routines to ensure that the learning time is as smooth as possible.

Throughout year, we will be: making a difference in the world, becoming masters of our learning, digging deeper into the mysteries of the world around us and discovering more about ourselves. Our first main topic is Movers and Shakers (History) and through this, our aim is to ensure that the children work hard and challenge themselves to become excellent, enthusiastic and independent learners. This topic will run alongside: Let's Explore the World (Geography), Still Life (Art), Remarkable Recipes (DT), Habitats and Human Survival (Science) and Inspiring Leaders (RE). Each day will be crammed with opportunities for the children to create and explore!



The teaching team this year will be; Mrs Gilbey (Year 2), Miss Fisher (Year 1/2) and Miss Evans & Mrs Lewis (Year 1). Working alongside us this year will be Mrs Gilbert (previously known as Miss Carberry), Mrs Hall and Mrs Harris.

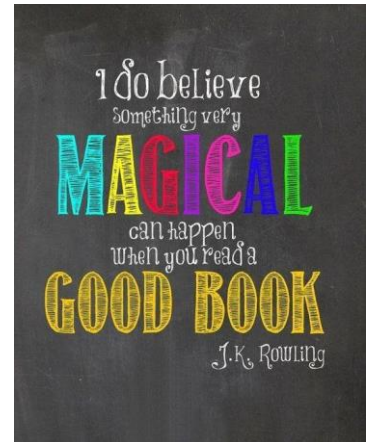
## Useful Information

- Every two weeks will send out a class newsletter which will let you know what we have been up to that fortnight. These will be uploaded onto the class pages on the website so please make sure to regularly check in so you don't miss any important news.
- All children will receive some new reading books over the course of next week, once we have listened to each child read. Reading will take place every day ensuring that each child's reading is heard regularly. Reading books will be changed weekly. We will let you know in due course which day your child will change their books.
- Phonics and spelling take place every day ensuring reading, writing and spelling skills are being taught, practised and applied. These will be taught in small groups daily by Miss Evans, Miss Fisher, Mrs Gilbey, Mrs Lewis and Mrs Gilbert. From this, spellings will **eventually** be sent home for children to practice and tested regularly in school.

# Happy to help

How you can help:

- Please name all clothing and equipment.
- Read with your child every day and ask them questions about the text. Please record all reading in the calendar pages of their diary. This recording is seen as evidence that they have read and will be rewarded.
- For this half term, PE days will be Tuesday and Friday. Children will need to have their PE in school on these days. Tuesday: indoor kit- trainers, white t-shirt and shorts. Friday: outdoor kit- trainers, white t-shirt and long bottoms.
- This year children **do not** need a pencil case. A water bottle is optional as we have individual cups and a water cooler in each classroom.



Finally, we look forward to an amazing and creative year. As a school we appreciate the commitment and dedication from home and can't wait to watch your children grow in confidence, independence and maturity. Should you have any queries please contact the school office if it is an urgent matter.

We look forward to seeing you at the forthcoming 'Meet and Greet'.

Thank you,

Mrs Gilbey, Miss Fisher, Mrs Lewis and Miss Evans ☺