# Kingfisher Class
# Autumn 2
# 'Crack the Code'

**English:**

In this half term, we will start with an exciting unit on Fantasy Stories. We have a class set of the novel The Heart Scarab which we will read alongside our unit and we will innovate the story to create an adapted version.

Later in the half term we will explore Performance Poetry which we will link to the theme of Christmas, where children will learn and perform poetry with an emphasis on clarity, volume and expression.

**Mathematics:**

A lot of work this half term will focus on manipulating the additive relationship and securing mental calculation. Children will look at how they can use known facts.

Once children have a more secure understanding through our initial work, they will move on to looking at a more formal method of addition.

**ICT/ Computing:**

This half term we will be learning about spreadsheets and touch typing. We will be exploring excel and how we can record information and make graphs. We will also be improving our typing skills and trying to increase in speed.

**History:**

In history this half term we will be learning all about the Ancient Egyptians, thinking about what the Ancient Egyptians believed and how we know this and comparing how their beliefs differed from beliefs today.

**RE:**

In RE, we will be learning all about being 'called by God' and exploring what this means. We will look at vicars and the church but also what are other religious leaders called in other cultures? How did they know this role was for them? We will them move on to the Christian festival, Christmas and why Jesus is described as the light of the world.

**Science:**

This half term, our unit of work will be 'Animals including Humans'. We will look at different groups of animals and explore why some animals have skeletons. We will find out about our body and how to keep ourselves healthy. Our scientist this half term will be the wonderful Sir David Attenborough, we will find out what makes him a national treasure! ☺

**PSHE:**

In PSHE this half term we will be learning about respecting ourselves and others. We will also have a busy week with the national Anti-bullying week.

**Design and Technology**

This half term we will be focusing on sewing skills. We will evaluate existing products, design our own (thinking about preferences of design and colour) and then make a felt Christmas tree decoration.

**Homework:**

Children need to **read at least 4 times each week** and also learn their spellings. A homework task is set each half term – this is optional.

**Spellings:**

These will be given out on a Monday and the spelling test will be on Friday.

**PE:**

P.E lessons will take place on a **Monday and Tuesday**. Forest school clothing should be sent for our Monday afternoons.

**Music:**

The children will be having Ukulele lessons with a specialist teacher from the Lancashire Music Service.