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Natural Art Earlier in the half term you received information about a Family Challenge to create art work from natural materials you find in the local environment, to photograph the

art you had made and send it into Kingfisher. We have had some fantastic photographs sent which show just how talented

you all



The photographs will form part of the Kingfisher calendar which we are having made this year. All entries will be judged on Tuesday 3rd November so if you haven't already submitted yours please do so over the half term week.

Any photographs of your artwork need to be sent to

families@astrea-kingfisher.org

All entries will receive a small prize as well as a certificate, with a winning prize for the photographs selected for the Kingfisher Calendar.



Thank you

At the point of writing, we are quickly approaching half term. It has been an incredibly challenging half term for all of us, families and children as well as staff,



and we have all had to adjust to school being very different and working in different ways.

I cannot express strongly enough how proud I am of our pupils who have adjusted to many new things, settled back into a routine so well and continued their learning. It has been great to see some normality and some of the things that children really enjoy doing in school.

School staff and I are so grateful for the incredible support of our families during the half term. The conversations and 'thank you' comments on the gate really do go a long way.

Term Dates: The last day of Term is **Friday 23rd October 2020** ☆ and we return on Tuesday 3rd November 2020 The next INSET Day is : Monday 2nd November

Water Bottles

water bottle.

All children should have a water bottle in school containing water which the children can access during lessons. Unfortunately, with the COVID situation, we are unable to provide cups for children to have water so we would strongly encourage all parents to provide a



HELPING YOUR CHILD TO READ AT HOME

10 ways to become a better reader ... 10. READ

Reading at home with your child for as little as 10 minutes a day really helps their reading skills to develop as well as their enjoyment for reading. To be sure that they are really getting the full reading experience, asking them questions about the book is a really helpful tool. Questions like: What part of the story do you like the best? Who was your favourite character?

Attendance Matters

Here are our attendance figures for last week. Our whole school attendance target this year is 96% and our whole school attendance currently stands at 95.3%. Thank you for helping us to continue to aim to reach our target by ensuring that you are in school everyday.

Class	Current Attendance
1	92.3%
2	96.2%
3	95.8%
4	96.3%
5	94.5%
6	95.1%
7	95.7%
8	95.3%
9	95.4%
10	96.5%
11	96.6%
12	91.5%
13	95.5%
14	96.0%



Christmas Cards in School

As you know each we usually have our Christmas Card Post Box in school for children to bring their cards into school and post them to be delivered to classes.

As you will already be aware we are operating under very different guidance currently to protect everyone and to ensure that we can keep the school open and avoid the closure of classes and segments of the school—something which with your support has been possible this half term.

With the new measures in place for the rest of the Autumn Term up to Christmas we will not be able to have our post box this year and so regretfully I would ask that just for this year cards are not sent into school at Christmas. This is really not something I want to do but we need to ensure the safety of everyone. I would just like to thank you in advance for your support with this.