

Kingsgate Primary School



Year 4

Parent Information Booklet

What your child will be learning about this term and how you can help at home

Summer 2021

What we will be learning this term...

English

This term, Year 4 will be looking at a range of fiction and non-fiction books. They will be reading Anna Hibiscus, Escape from Pompeii and The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane to support their writing.

Grammar: The children will continue to develop their use of fronted adverbials, pronouns and adverbs. They will learn to use subordinating conjunctions (e.g. when, if, because) in their sentences and will practise punctuating direct speech. They will think about their verb choices and ensure they are writing in the correct tense.



Spelling: The children will learn to add prefixes and suffixes to words they know. They will learn the meanings and spellings for a range of homophones (e.g. there, their and they're). They will continue to learn exception words from the Year 4 Spelling List.

How you can help: Ensure your child reads at home everyday. Encourage your child to read different books and use these to inspire their writing. Practise letter joins when writing sentences. Help your child learn the spellings sent home for homework.

Maths

The children will be learning the following:

- Multiplication and division facts up to 12×12
- Place positive and negative numbers on a number line
- Convert between units of measure (length, distance and capacity)
- Estimate answers to calculations
- Solve problems using addition, subtraction, multiplication and division
- Convert between minutes, hours and weeks
- Multiply and divide numbers by 10 and 100
- Solve two step problems
- Plot points on co-ordinates using x-axis and y-axis
- Identify acute and obtuse angles

How you can help: Practise telling the time at home. Use 'Hit the Button' and Times Tables Rockstars to practise multiplication facts

Useful websites:

www.mathszone.co.uk/tag/

www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button

www.mathletics.com

www.trockstars.com/

Science

Electricity: In Year 4, children will construct their own electrical circuits using bulbs, batteries, wires and switches. They will learn which materials conduct electricity.



Living things and their

habitats: The children will learn how to identify and group living things using classification keys. They will learn how environments can change and how this can be dangerous for living things.

Search for [bbc bitesize KS2 science](#) for a selection of science videos.

History

A comparison between Roman London and Pompeii:

The children will continue learning about Roman Britain and will learn how London grew during the Roman Invasion.

They will learn about the lifestyle rich and poor people had during Roman times. They will learn about Pompeii compare it to London.



Geography

A comparison of South East England and the Naples Bay Area:

This term, Year 4 will learn to use satellite maps and Google Earth to compare regions. They will learn about human and physical features and draw their own sketch maps. Children will learn about what causes earthquakes and volcanos.

Design Technology

Mechanisms The children will be learning about levers and linkages and they will design and make a moving book.

Electricity Systems: The children will be learning about simple circuits and switches and they will design and make a noise making product.

Cooking: The children will be learning how to make pasta dish and how to sprinkle garnish onto hot dishes.

Art

Sculpture: This term, the children will mould clay to create a scene and paint the finished product.

Music

The children will be learning to play the keyboard and they will be learning about Jazz and Blues.

PE

PE will take place on **Wednesday**. The children need to bring their PE kit on the correct day. Children need to come to school dressed in their full school uniform and change into their PE kits.

Gymnastics: The children will be developing different combinations of actions through the theme of flight.

Striking and fielding games: The children will be learning to use a range of skills at greater speed and improved fluency with a focus on hockey.



Religious Education

Why is the Bible a special book?: The children will learn about the stories in the Bible and why it is special for Christian people.

French

This term the children will be learning about towns, different modes of transport and how to ask for directions.

PSHE

Health and Wellbeing: The children will learn about ways they can look after their physical health and their mental wellbeing. The children will also learn about how vaccinations keep us healthy.

Computing

Programming: This term, Year 4 will be learning how to programme using the software Scratch. They will be creating animated patterns.

How can I help at home?

Make it clear that you value homework – set aside a specific time and area for your child to work on their homework.

Make sure your child **reads for 20 minutes** every day and ask them questions about the text to help their understanding.

Encourage your child to **re-tell the story** they have just read.

Help them to practise their multiplication and division facts.

Help your child practise their spellings each week.

Help your child to be organised:

- ◇ Have you got your **book bag**? It needs to be in school **every day**.
- ◇ Are **ALL** your reading books inside it?
- ◇ Is your completed **homework** in there too? Collected on **Tuesday**
- ◇ Have you got your full **PE kit**?