

Kingsgate Primary School



Year 3

Parent Information Booklet

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

Summer 2023

What we will be learning this term...

English

This term, Year 3 will be looking at a range of fiction and non-fiction books. They will be reading *Wolves*, *Wolves in the Walls*, *The Lost Happy Endings* and *Oliver and the Seawigs*. They will be learning about poetry and reading poems by Valerie Bloom.

Grammar: The children will continue to learn to use fronted adverbials at the start of a sentence and to add a comma correctly. They will use expanded noun phrases to help make their descriptions more detailed and vary the verbs they use when writing. Children will learn to check they are using the correct tense and to use present perfect verbs (e.g. have seen, had drunk)

Spelling: The children will learn to add prefixes and suffixes to words they know. They will continue to learn exception words from the Year 3 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.

Computing

Programming: This term, the children will be learning to explain what a sequence is, create a program following a design and make design choices for their artwork. They will create a program to move a sprite (character or object) in all four directions, identify and fix bugs in their programs



Maths

The children will be learning the following:

- compare and order numbers to 1000
- The value of coins and to calculate change
- add and subtract three digit numbers
- know their 2,3,4,5 and 8 multiplication and division facts
- Multiply numbers using the column method
- Divide numbers using short division
- Order fractions on a number line
- Recognise 2D and 3D shapes

How you can help: Practise telling the time at home to the nearest 5 minutes. 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.ttrockstars.com/



Science

Seasonal Changes:

Plants: In Year 3, children will identify the different parts of a flowering plant and explain their functions. They will learn the life cycle of plants and how they grow.



Animals, including humans: The children will learn about the nutrition that animals need.

Search for **bbc bitesize KS2 science** for a selection of science videos.

History

The achievements of the earliest civilizations : The children will learn about the Ancient Sumer, The Indus Valley, The Ancient Egyptians and The Shang Dynasty. They will create timelines of key events and think about what it would be like to live in Ancient Egypt.

They will make comparisons between the civilisations and the Stone Age society.



Geography

The importance of rivers to the earliest settlements in

the UK: Children will identify rivers on maps and discuss why ancient civilisations depended on rivers.

Coastlines: Children will learn what coasts are and their importance. They will learn about erosion, deposition and transportation and the ways coastlines can be protected.

Design Technology

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

Electricity Systems: The children will be learning about simple circuits and switches and they will make a product with a light.

Music

This term the children will be learning about music of the world including music from Indonesia, Brazil, Mexico, China and South Africa.

PE

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

Striking and fielding games: Children will develop the basic skills of bowling, batting and fielding in cricket.

Net games: Children will develop the basic skills of sending and receiving in tennis.

Swimming The children will learn to perform a safe self rescue and use different swimming strokes. They will also work towards swimming 25 metres.

Religious Education

What do symbols and sayings in Sikhism tell us about their

beliefs?: This term, the children will learn about the six main Sikh symbols, the Sikh holy book and the lives of Sikh people today. They will have virtual visit from a Sikh Priest to talk about the religion.



How did Buddha and Jesus make people think?: The children will learn about the impact Buddha and Jesus have had on people's lives.

French

The children will be looking at vocabulary linked to their family and animals.

Art

Sculpture: Children will learn techniques to shape clay and create pots.

PSHE

Health and Wellbeing: The children will learn what makes a balanced lifestyle and how to stay healthy. Also, they will learn about keeping safe online and how to get help if they need it.

The children will also learn about how vaccinations keep us healthy.

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**?