

# Kingsgate Primary School



Year 3

## Parent Information Booklet

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

Spring 2024

## What we will be learning this term...

### English

This term, Year 3 will look at a range of fiction and non-fiction books. They will read *Gorilla*, *Ahmed and the Feather Girl*, *Leon and the Place Between* and *The Day of Ahmed's Secret*.

**Grammar:** The children will learn to use fronted adverbials at the start of a sentence and to add a comma correctly. They will use adverbs to show pace in their writing and use pronouns (e.g. he, she) to avoid repetition. Also, children will begin to use subordination in their writing (when I saw... ). Children will learn how to use apostrophes for possession.



**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

#### Creating Media and Branching Databases:

The children will learn how to use software to create a comic book strip. The children will learn how to add text, images, shapes, change the colour and use a template. They will create a simple comic book strip using one of their stories from Writing. The children will learn to select, use, and combine a variety of software (including internet services) on a range of digital devices and they will design and create a range of programs. They will collect, analyse, evaluate and present data and information.

### Maths

The children will learn the following:

- compare and order numbers to 1000
- add and subtract three digit numbers
- know their 2,3,4,5 and 8 multiplication and division facts
- Multiply numbers using the grid method
- Divide numbers using the chunking method
- Tell the time to the nearest 5 minutes
- Convert between the 12 hour clock and the 24 hour clock
- Identify right angles
- Add and subtract fractions with the same denominator (e.g.  $\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4}$ )

**How you can help:** Practise telling the time at home to the nearest 5 minutes. Use 'Hit the Button' and Times Tables Rock Stars to practise multiplication facts

Useful websites:

[www.mathszone.co.uk/tag/](http://www.mathszone.co.uk/tag/)

[www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button](http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button)

[www.ttrockstars.com/](http://www.ttrockstars.com/)



## Science

### Seasonal Changes:

**Animals, including humans:** In Year 3, children will learn that humans and other animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement.



**Light:** The children will learn that light is needed in order to see things and is reflected from surfaces. Children will be able to explain that shadows are formed when a light source is blocked and will find patterns in the way shadows change.

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

## History

### Bronze and Iron Age changes in Britain:

The children will learn about the similarities and differences between the Bronze and Iron Age.

They will learn about life during this period, including trade, transport and settlements. They will continue to use archaeological evidence to make conclusions.



## Geography

### How the landscape and land use of the United Kingdom has changed?:

Children will learn about the ways land can be used and they will look at the ways land is used in Kilburn. They will compare the Lake District and London and look at changes in land use. They will learn about compass points and four figure grid references.

## Art

**Printing:** This term, the children will learn about mono printing.

**Collage:** Children will learn to sew with needles and threads, experiment with weaving, tie dye and batik.

## Design Technology

**Textile:** Children will design and make a product that holds something precious.

**Cooking:** Children will design & make hot cross buns.

## Music

The children will learn to develop their sense of pulse and beat and learn how to play djembes. They will also learn about Reggae and how to compose using different chords.



## 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.

**Dance:** Using light as their inspiration, children will develop short dances with expression.

**Athletics:** The children will learn to run consistently and smoothly at different speeds and show control and coordination in throwing and jumping.

## Gymnastics

The children developing sequences and then reviewing and improving them.



## Religious Education

**Holi:** This term, the children will learn about the Hindu celebration of Holi. They will learn how and why it is celebrated and investigate the stories surrounding the festival.

## PSHE

**Living in the Wider World:** The children will learn about laws, responsibilities, rights and duties. They will learn about being part of a community and respecting difference and diversity.

## 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**?