

Kingsgate Primary School



Year 1

Parent Information Booklet

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

Autumn 2026

What we will be learning this term...

English

This term, Year 1 will be reading a range of traditional tales and then writing their own versions of these well known stories.

Grammar: The children will learn to write sentences that make sense and use spaces to separate words.

They will use capital letters and full stops to show where sentences begin and end and use a capital letter for the pronoun 'I'.

They will use 'and' to join words and clauses.

Phonics: To help the children to read and spell, they will have daily reading/phonics lessons. We will be using the *Read Write Inc.* scheme. The books will be sent home once the children are confident in reading them. Your child will also bring home a library book for you to read to them.

How you can help: Read with your child every day. They should read their RWI book to help develop fluency. Practise writing simple sentences using finger spaces, capital letters and full stops. Encourage your child to use 'and' to join their sentences.



Maths

The children will be learning the following:

- ordering numbers from 0–30
- finding one more and one less than numbers to 30
- learning number bonds to 10 and their related subtraction facts (e.g. $8 + 2 = 10$, $2 + 8 = 10$, $10 - 2 = 8$, $10 - 8 = 2$)
- Add and subtract two 1-digit numbers
- Counting in 10s

How you can help: Practise counting up to 100. Use objects around the house to add objects up to 30.

Practise counting from different starting points and ask your children to find one more or less.

Useful websites:

www.mathszone.co.uk/tag/ks1

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



Music

Children will be learning the fundamentals of beat and rhythm. They will learn about rhythm and pitch and singing new songs and chants.

Science

Seasonal Changes: Year 1 will observe the weather and their surroundings (the playground) weekly so that they can see how seasons and plants change over the year. They will ask and answer questions relating to the seasons.

Plants: Year 1 will be collecting data about the plants in the science garden.

Animals, including Humans: The children will be learning about humans. They will name body parts and learn about the senses.

Search for **bbc bitesize KS1 science** for a selection of science videos.



History

Changes within Living Memory (transport):

The children will be learning about how transport, such as buses, trains and planes, have changed over time. They will go into the local area on fieldwork trips to look at old and new train stations. They will learn how they have changed over time. When looking at planes they will learn about former local pilot Amy Johnson. They will also look at modern transport, including rockets and learn about Neil Armstrong and the first moon landing.



Geography

The geography of the school buildings and playground: The children learn about the geography of the school building and the playground and learn about bird's eye view to draw their own maps of the school.

Religious Education

What does it mean to belong to family and friends?: This term, the children will learn about the what it means to belong to family and friends, about special things people do with their families and friends and about the different holy books. They will also learn about why Christian people celebrate Christmas.

PSHE

Relationships: The children will learn about positive healthy relationships, including friendships, and how to maintain them. They will learn how their actions affect others and how to solve conflicts.

PE

PE will take place on the following days:

Y1 Briar: Monday

Y1 Bramble: Wednesday

Y1 Cherry: Monday

The children need to bring their PE kits on the correct day.

Games: The children will develop basic movement and travelling skills and develop their skills to throw, catch, aim, bounce, dribble, strike and kick skills.



Design and Technology

Free standing structures: The children design and make enclosures for zoo animals.

Cutting and knife skills: The children design and make tasty toast with fruit.

Computing

Technology Around Us and Digital Painting: The children will recognise common uses of information technology beyond school and create, organise, store, manipulate and retrieve digital content.

Art

Drawing: This term, the children will explore different textures, observe and draw landscapes and observe facial features.

Painting: The children will learn basic colour theory and build confidence in using a paintbrush.

How can I help at home?

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

Listen to your child read their RWI book for 10 minutes every day and ask them questions about the text to help their understanding. Encourage your child to sound out words that they are unable to read by using their **phonics** (for example, c-a-t makes cat).

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

Practise their number bonds within 20 and finding one more and one less than a number.

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**? (**Y1 Cherry and Y1 Briar: Monday** and **Y1 Bramble: Wednesday**)