

Kingsgate Primary School



Year 2

Parent Information Booklet

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

Spring 2021

What we will be learning this term...

English

This term, Year 2 will be reading *Amazing Grace*, *The Elephant's Garden*, *The Day the Crayons Quit*, *Quill Soup* and *Grandad's Island* to support their writing.

Grammar: The children will build upon the grammar skills they learnt in the autumn. They will learn to expand and noun phrases and use apostrophes to mark where letters are missing in spelling and to mark singular possession in nouns (the girl's name).



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 and then the children move onto a Guided Reading programme. The books will be sent home once the children are confident in reading them.

How you can help: Read with your child every day. Practise writing sentences using capital letters, full stops, commas and apostrophes correctly. Encourage your child to read different books and use these to inspire their writing.

PSHE

Living in the wider world: The children will be learning about rules and why they are important to our community. They will also learn about how to look after the environment.

Maths

The children will be learning the following:

- compare numbers from 0 –100 using $<$ $>$ and $=$
- Twos, fives and tens times tables
- learning number bonds to 20 and their related subtraction facts (e.g. $18 + 2 = 20$, $2 + 18 = 20$, $20 - 2 = 18$, $20 - 18 = 2$)
- Add and subtract 2 digit numbers.
- Create and understand pictograms
- Read the time to the nearest quarter past and quarter to each hour
- Find $1/2$ and $1/4$, $3/4$ and $1/3$ of an amount
- Find lines of symmetry

How you can help: Practise 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

Practise reading the time to the nearest quarter past and quarter to the hour. Children should be given the opportunity to find amounts using real money.

Useful websites:

www.mathszone.co.uk/tag/ks1

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

www.ttrockstars.com/



Science

Plants, animals and habitats: In the spring term, the children will use simple equipment to measure and record data. Children have many opportunities to observe plants and animals in different micro-habitats outside the school

grounds (logs, grass, plants, bark, and soil). They will learn that there are different conditions in each micro-habitat and that these conditions affect the plants and animals there.



Materials: The children will investigate the suitability of different materials for particular uses and compare them. They will also gain an understanding that the shapes of solid objects can be changed.

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

History

Famous Women Throughout History

The children will focus on Rosa Parks, Emily Davison, Mary Seacole, Florence Nightingale and Malala Yousafzai. Children learn about what makes them significant, the adversities they overcame and the similarities and differences between them.



Geography

The United Kingdom: The children will learn about the characteristics of the four countries in the UK and the names of the seas surrounding the UK.

Art

Printing and collage: The children will develop skills to use printing inks and rollers and learn about the impact of texture on a piece of art.

Music

The children will relate sounds to symbols and become familiar with a wide range of instruments.

PE

PE will take place on the PE will take place on the following days:

Y2 Honeysuckle: Monday

Y2 Hazel: Monday

Y2 Ash: Tuesday



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

Dance: The children will develop a range of movements to remember and repeat short dances linked to animals and habitats.

Gymnastics: They will create repeating sequences that include a range of gymnastic actions.

Religious Education

What can stories teach us?: This term, the children will learn about special the story of Easter and what it means to Christians.

Computing

Digital Literacy and Computer Science: The children will learn to make music using software and transfer data to a pictogram.

Design Technology

Sliders and levers: This term, the children will use sliders and levers to create their own characters for a 'moving book'.

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.

Listen to your child read 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**?
- ◇ **Y2 Hazel: Monday**
- ◇ **Y2 Honeysuckle: Monday**
- ◇ **Y2 Ash: Tuesday**