

Kingsgate Primary School



Year 4

Parent Information Booklet

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

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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 *The Butterfly Lion*, *Iron Man* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream* to support their writing.

Grammar: The children will continue practise using fronted adverbials followed by a comma at the beginning of their sentences. They will learn to write extended sentences using a range of conjunctions.

Spelling: The children will learn to add prefixes and suffixes to words they know. 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.



Computing

Digital Literacy and Computer Science: This term, the children will learn to use computers for writing. They will look at online writing and produce a news report in the style of a journalist. Children will learn to use Logo to draw letters and shapes. They will learn to create clear, simple instructions for the program to understand.

Maths

The children will be learning the following:

- Multiplication and division facts up to 12×12
- Read, write, order and compare numbers up to 10,000
- Read and write Roman numerals up to 100
- Compare decimals
- Find the factors and multiples of a number
- Multiply and divide numbers by 10
- Solve problems using multiplication and division
- Read tables, graphs and charts
- Find the perimeter and area of shapes

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.ttrockstars.com/



Science

Sound: In Year 4, children will learn how sound is made and how it travels. They will learn about different pitches and the relationship between vibrations and volume.



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

History

The Roman Empire and its impact on Britain:

The children will learn about the Roman Empire and explain why Romans wanted to invade Britain. They will learn about key figures in the Roman Empire, including Julius Caesar, Claudius and Boudicca. Children will research Hadrian's Wall and use their research to draw conclusions about the Roman Empire.



Geography

The water cycle and rivers:

Children will learn what the water cycle is and why it rains more in some places. They will look at the different stages of a river on maps and learn about major rivers in Europe.

Art

Printing: This term, the children record patterns and textures. They will explore tessellations to create their own prints.

Collage: This term, the children will learn to sew a variety of stitches and use different fabrics in their work.

Design Technology

Textile: Children will learn to thread a needle and sew a running stitch. They will create a 2D shape that folds to

Music

The children will be learning about major scales and chords and also Class orchestra arrangements.

PE

PE will take place on Wednesday .

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

Dance: The children will develop their own imaginative dances about rivers.

Athletics: The children will work on their pace over longer distances and increase the power used for jumping and throwing.



Religious Education

What is special to me and people in my community?:

This term, each child will consider what makes them the person they are. They will look at their beliefs, values and actions.



PSHE

Living in the Wider World: The children will learn about their rights and responsibilities. They will learn how they can take care of the environment and why it is so important.

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**?