

Kingsgate Primary School



Reception

Parent Information Booklet

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

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What we will learn this term...

Communication and Language

This term, Reception will read a range of stories and use full sentences to describe what happens in them. Children will develop their comprehension skills by answering how and why questions.

We will begin to build up our story language. Children will be able to use words such as once upon a time, first, next and last.

Children will begin to use descriptive language to talk about their past.

How you can help:

Talk to children about your past and what it was like being in school. Talk to children about what you played with. Ask your children to compare their school life, toys and friends to yours.



PSED

Children will learn the importance of negotiating a problem and finding ways to resolve a conflict with their friends. Children will learn different strategies that they can use in difficult situations. They will learn to be more independent when trying to resolve a problem.

We will also learn about the differences and similarities which make each child special. They will be able to talk about what makes them special and what they enjoy doing. Children will develop their self confidence and self awareness.

Maths

The children will learn the following:

- An understanding of numbers to 10
- Equal
- Ordering numbers
- Estimating
- Doubling and halving
- 1 more and 1 less
- Number bonds to 5
- Capacity
- Positional language
- Measuring

How you can help:

Practise saying one more and one less than a number. Encourage your child to help you count different items in the house and add them together or subtract them.

Ask children to help you when you are cooking or shopping by asking them to get half a cup of water or double the number of apples.

Use the language more and less, left and right. Discuss the order events happen in the day e.g. first, next, then, after that, finally.



Useful websites:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/numberblocks>

Physical Development

This term children will learn different movements to incorporate into dance. They will develop their balance and hand eye coordination through gymnastics and other ball games.



Children will learn different games to develop their spatial awareness.

Literacy

Reading

Children will have daily phonics lessons. We follow 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 book for you to read to them.

We will read a variety of fiction and non fiction texts. We



will talk about the difference between fiction and non fiction. Children will also begin to answer how and why questions about the text we have read.

They will start to make predictions of what they think will happen next in the story.

Writing

Children will use the sounds they have learnt to write labels, sentences and stories. They will learn how to write lists, letters, cards, posters and fact sheets.

Children will begin to use capital letters and full stops in their sentences. They will begin to use descriptive language in their writing. Children will begin to write short stories using story language.

Understanding of the world

This term children will talk about the old and new items. They will learn to compare different items and talk about the differences and similarities. Children will also learn about maps and different places in the world. They will investigate the different seasons and talk about the habitats.

Children will learn about floating and sinking. They will learn about the ocean and how to care for the environment.

Technology

Children will explore the different types of technology we have in school and talk about what it is used for and how it works. They will compare old and new technology.

Expressive Arts

Children will learn how to use different materials to create their desired effect.

They will learn how to manipulate resources for a planned purpose. We will be exploring different artists and looking at different techniques to create a picture.



Children will develop their painting, drawing and collage skills.

Children will also be given a variety of different role play areas to develop their imaginative play. They will learn to develop their own role play.

Music

Children will learn different pitches in music. They will learn how to make high and low pitches using instruments.

Children will learn the difference between jumpy and smooth sounds.

How can I help at home?

Read to your child every day.

Talk about the book with your child.

Encourage your child to re-tell the story.

Ask your child every day which new sound they have learnt. Ask them to write it for you.

Practise number bonds within 5 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? Children choose a new book every **Tuesday** and **Friday**.
- ◇ Have you got your full **PE kit**? (**Reception Hawthorn, Reception Elm and Reception Apple have PE on a Thursday**). Children need to **come to school** wearing their **full school uniform**. Children are given time to change so they can develop their **independence**.