

Kingsgate Primary School



Year 1

Parent Information Booklet

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

Spring 2026

What we will learn this term...

English

This term, Year 1 will read Finding Gold, Augustus and his Smile, Aaaargh Spider! and Leon and Bob to support their writing.

Grammar: The children will build upon the grammar skills they learnt in the autumn. They will learn to use the prefix un- to change the meaning of verbs and adjectives (e.g. unkind). The children will learn to use regular plural noun suffixes -s or -es.



Phonics: To help the children to read and spell, they will have daily reading/phonics lessons. We will use the *Read Write Inc.* scheme. The books will be sent home once a week when 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. Practise writing simple sentences using finger spaces, capital letters and full stops. Encourage your child to use 'and' to join their sentences.

PSHE

Living in the wider world: The children will learn about groups within our community and people who help in the community. They will also learn about how to look after the environment.

Maths

The children will learn the following:

- compare numbers from 0 –50 using more and less
- counting in twos, fives and tens
- 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 numbers to 20.
- Find doubles and halves to 10 (double $2 = 4$, half $10 = 5$)
- Read the time to the nearest o'clock and half past
- Find $1/2$ and $1/4$ of a shape
- Compare different coins

How you can help: Practise counting in 2s, 5s, and 10s.

Practise reading the time to the nearest o'clock and half past the hour.

Find 1 more and 1 less using objects at home.

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



Science

Seasonal Changes: Year 1 will continue to observe the weather and begin to make comparisons and take measurements e.g. amount of rainfall.



Plants: Year 1 will

collect data about the plants in the science garden and we will go on a trip to Hampstead Heath and take part in a 'Plant Detective' workshop.

Materials: The children will learn about objects and materials that they already know (cups, plates / wood, metal) and move on to using simple vocabulary (for example stiff, bendy, floppy) to describe their properties.

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

History

Changes within Living Memory (history of shopping and food): The children will learn about how shopping and food in the United Kingdom has changed since their great-grandparents were their age. They will think about how these changes have impacted our lives.

Geography

The local area: The children will learn about the geographical changes of the local area which links to the history unit on how the local area has changed over time.



Computing

Digital Literacy and Computer Science: The children will learn about digital writing and editing text. They will also learn to group data by its properties.

PE

PE will take place on the following days:

Y1 Briar: Wednesday

Y1 Bramble: Monday

Y1 Cherry: Monday



The children must bring their PE kits on the correct day.

Games: The children will travel in different ways.

Dance: They will learn to respond to a stimulus and develop simple movements linked to weather and seasons.

Art

Printing and collage: The children will learn to create prints using a range of resources e.g. hands and fruit, and develop their fine motor skills when creating their own collage.

Design Technology

Templates and joining techniques: The children will sew their own finger puppets.

Shaping, assembling and heating: The children will cook mini pancakes.

Religious Education

What does it mean to belong?: This term, the children will learn about some special things families do to show that they belong to a religion and special religious clothes and symbols.

Music

The children will learn about the piece 'Mars' by Gustav Holst. They will learn about pieces with 3 and 5 notes (the pentatonic scale).

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 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 **retell 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 Bramble: Monday**
- ◇ **Y1 Briar: Wednesday**
- ◇ **Y1 Cherry: Monday**