

Kingsgate Primary School



Year 1

Parent Information Booklet

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

Summer 2026

What we will be learning this term...

English

This term, Year 1 will be reading poetry, fiction and non-fiction books. They will be reading *The Snail and the Whale*, *The Papaya that spoke*, and *Pattan's Pumpkin*. This will help them with their writing.

Grammar: The children will learn to understand the use of plural noun suffixes, e.g. *-s* and *-es* (dog - dogs, wish - wishes).

They will learn how the prefix *un-* changes the meaning of a word (kind - unkind).

They will learn that suffixes can be added to verbs with no change in spelling of the root word (helper, helped, helping).

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. Practise writing simple sentences using finger spaces, capital letters and full stops. Encourage your child to use adjectives (describing words) and conjunctions (e.g. and, but, so) to join their sentences.

PSHE

Health and Wellbeing: The children will be learning about how to take care of themselves (e.g. eating healthily and brushing their teeth). They will identify some choices they can make to help improve their health and well being. For example, exercising regularly.



Maths

The children will be learning the following:

- ordering numbers from 0 -100
- counting in twos, fives and tens
- learning number bonds to 20 and their related subtraction facts (e.g. $18 + 2 = 20$,
- $2 + 18 = 20$, $20 - 2 = 18$, $20 - 18 = 2$)
- odd and even numbers
- starting to understand multiplication and division (three groups of 2 = 6 and six shared equally between 2 = 3)

How you can help: Practise number bonds up to 20 with your child (e.g. $16+4 = 20$ and $17+3 = 20$). Count out 20 dried beans / buttons / pasta shells and find different ways to make twenty.

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



Science

Seasonal Changes: Year 1 will observe the weather and learn about the signs and evidence that it is Summer.

Plants: Year 1 will be identifying and classifying plants in the science garden.

Animals including Humans: The children will be learning what animals eat, using food chains and investigating the senses.

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



History

Significant historical events, people and places in our own locality:

The children will be learning about how the local area has changed over time. They will look at significant people and places in Kilburn. They will use evidence to see what the local area was like in the past. They will be using aerial photographs and clues in the local area.

Geography

The seven continents and five oceans of the world: The children will learn how to use a globe to locate the seven continents and five oceans of the world. They will learn about animals that live in the polar region, desert region and the rainforests.

Art

Sculpture: The children will learn that sculpture is a 3D form of art. They will begin to produce simple sculptures using malleable materials.

Digital media: The children will learn how to use the computer as a tool for designing and manipulating an image.

Computing

The children will be introduced to early programming concepts. They will identify what each floor robot command does and use that knowledge to start predicting the outcome of programs.

Music

The children will become familiar with a range of percussion instruments. They will produce different sounds from one voice or instrument with some degree of control and follow visual symbols to vary the sound made. They will also learn help to create an accompaniment for a song and learn about stage presence and playing as part of a group.



PE

PE will take place on the following days:

Y1 Briar: Wednesday

Y1 Cherry: Monday

Y1 Bramble: Monday

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



Athletics

The children will learn basic run, throw and jump activities with a focus on building fitness.

Games

The children will learn the skills of bouncing, dribbling and bat and ball games.

Religious Education

What does it mean to belong to Islam?: Children will learn about special artefacts and events, e.g. Eid and prayer mats.

How do you belong to Sikhi?: Children will learn about how Sikhi people show they belong to their religion.

Design Technology

Mechanisms: Sliders and levers. They will design and make moving parts of a greeting card.

Cooking: Mixing, combining, serving and garnishing. They will design and make stuffed jacket potatoes.

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 **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**?

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