

Kingsgate Primary School



Year 5 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 5 will be looking at a range of fiction and non-fiction books. They will be reading *Holes* and *Romeo and Juliet* to support their writing. They will also be learning about the poetry of Joshua Spiegel.

Grammar: This term, children will continue to learn to use commas accurately and to use relative clauses to add detail about nouns. They will learn the correct subject verb agreement (e.g. I was/they were). The children will learn to use brackets, dashes and commas to add extra details to their writing

Spelling: The children will learn to spell words with 'silent' letters (e.g. knight, solemn) and to spell a wide range of homophones. Children will learn to add a wide range of suffixes to words (e.g. -ible, -able, -fer). They will learn to use dictionaries to check the spelling of words and a thesaurus to find words with similar meanings. They will learn to spell words from the Year 5 word 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

Programming: This term, Year 5 will programme a microcontroller to light an LED and design a sequence for given output devices. They will also learn how selection is used in computer programs, create a program with different outcomes using a selection and design a flow of a program which contains 'if.... then....else...'



Maths

The children will be learning the following:

- Solve problems using addition, subtraction, multiplication and division
- Draw and measure angles
- Draw, read and interpret tables and graphs
- Compare and order fractions
- Multiply fractions by whole numbers
- Find fractions of an amount
- Write percentages as fractions and decimals
- Round decimals to the nearest whole
- Find nets of 3D 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.mathletics.com

www.trockstars.com/

Science

Living things in their habitat and animals, including humans:

In Year 5, children will learn about the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird. They will learn about the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals. Children will learn about the changes as humans develop to old age.



Earth and Space: The children will learn about and be able to describe the movement of the Earth, planets and the Moon in the solar system. They will learn about the Earth's rotation and explain night and day.

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

History

The Mayan Civilisation:

The children will learn where and when the Maya lived. They will use Google Earth to look at Mayan ruins and understand what everyday life was like in the Mayan civilisation. They will compare the Maya to Stone Age Britain and evaluate the similarities and differences. Children will look at the evidence about the decline of the Mayan Empire and draw conclusions about why it ended.



Geography

North and Central America: This term, Year 5 will learn the countries and cities in North and Central America. They will learn about the different climates and environments and the way people adapt to the climates. They will look at regional differences in North America and make comparisons with the UK.

Art

This term, the children will take part in the Camden schools Art biennially and create digital art.

Design Technology

Cams (Mechanical systems): This term the children will design, make and evaluate a moving character for a story.

Electrical circuits: This term, the children will design and make a product with different brightness.

Music

The children will be learning about the music of Gershwin and learning about hip hop.

PE

PE will take place on a **Monday**. The children need to come bring their PE kits to school on the correct day.

Dance: Children will learn different movement patterns and focus on dances from Central America.



Net games: Demonstrating a range of different strokes and understand how to direct the ball away from an opponent over a net. Focus on tennis based at the local tennis courts

Invasive games:

Developing a range of tactics to keep possession using tag rugby equipment and starting to observe the rules of the game.



Religious Education

What inner forces affect how we think and behave?

How importance is thankfulness: The children will connect ideas from different religions and say what they share. Also, they will look at the moral message of a range of religious stories.

PSHE

Health and Wellbeing: The children will learn to recognise and talk about their emotions. They will learn to make good choices about their health and diet. The children will learn about how vaccinations keep us healthy. Children will think about personal safety both online and road safety. The children will take part in an online workshop about cyberbullying. They will learn about the risks and effects of legal and illegal drugs.

French

My home: Children will be learning to describe types of accommodation, furniture and different rooms in the house.

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 on Monday**?