



Kingsmead Primary School

Information for Parents / Carers

Date: November 2023

Class: Lea Class

Teacher: Chloe

The Early Years Foundation stage involves the school working in partnership with you. All the children should be having valuable outdoor experiences to develop their learning across all areas. Therefore we will be encouraging all children to use the outdoor area every day in all weathers. Please can you make sure that you provide your child with a raincoat and that your child's uniform are clearly labelled inside. Thank you.

Our new topic this term is Transport

Communication, Language and Literacy: We are learning to listen and respond appropriately to others, to participate in group discussions, to use language as part of imaginative play and to create simple narratives. We are learning to retell traditional tales, make story predictions and to talk about our experiences. We will be learning how to handle books correctly and to follow the words across the page using our fingers. When reading we will be looking at sounding out simple words e.g. c-a-t and looking for high frequency words in books e.g. (**the, I, and, look**). We will continue to practice forming letters correctly, writing our names and simple phonic three letter words. We will continue developing pencil control. We will be using our phonic sounds to help us write simple labels.

How to help your child at home Encourage them to write their name, alphabet and simple high frequency words e.g. **cat, I, the, mum**. Please spare time to hear your child read and ask your child to follow the words using their finger. Discuss their favourite parts of the story and their likes/dislikes. Please read with your child as much as you can and ensure they return their book bag to be changed. Please remember to bring book bags in only on **TUESDAY** and **FRIDAY**.

Maths: We are learning to recognise and order numerals 1-10. We are learning to count out objects up to 10 and continuing to practice counting one at a time, slowly and carefully. We are learning to find one more and one less than a given number up to 10, and to chant our numbers both forwards and backwards from 0 to 10. We are also learning to use mathematical names for 2D and 3D shapes (cube, cuboid, sphere, cone etc) recognising the shapes in the environment and naming them.

How to help your child home

Practice counting objects one at a time. Look out for numbers on buses, doors and in the supermarket. Look at different shapes in buildings and in the environment and name these shapes/numbers. Practicing recognising and saying numbers to 10. Get your children to count forwards and backwards, and to write their numbers up to 10.

Understanding the World We are learning about how transport moves and we will be investigating 'Forces'. We will be looking at different types of transport and learning their names and what they are used for, how to operate simple equipment and develop our ICT skills. We will be talking about different celebrations including Diwali and how we all share different beliefs. We will continue to explore what makes us all special and that it is okay to be different and enjoy different activities. We will be exploring the outside environment and looking at changes over time including seasons.

How to help your child at home Discuss the transport you see and have used. Looking at the different ways things move and encourage your child to describe what they see. Talk to your child about why things happen and how they work. Going on outside hunts to explore changes over time and the environment.

Expressive Arts and Design We are learning to create simple representations of events, people and objects. We will be exploring different markings left by moving objects, playing simple percussion instruments and engaging in music making to capture experiences. We will use clay modelling, pastels, chalk and a range of materials to represent our ideas.

How to help your child at home give your child the opportunity to experiment with paints, pens, coloured pencils and using any recycled boxes to create. Sing songs with your child and allow them to explore representing their ideas through drawing, painting, cutting and sticking pictures from magazines.

Personal, Social and Emotional development We are learning to play alongside and work co-operatively with others. To have a positive approach to new experiences and to 'keep on trying!' To have an awareness of our own needs and be sensitive to the needs, views and feelings of others. To share fairly, use kind words and 'kind hands'. We are continuing to learn how to follow instructions, using Lea Class rules to help us make the right choice to help us stay safe and to learn. We are building our confidence to initiate ideas and speak in front of our class. We are learning to be good friends, thinking about how we can help our friends and give people a reason to be proud of us!

How to help your child at home talking about how to be a good friend and help others. Why it is important to listen to adults and follow instructions. Encourage your children to try all new activities and to 'keep on trying!' Even when they find it difficult.

Physical development We are learning to use a comfortable pencil grip and show increasing control in our fine motor skills using large and small equipment. To move with control and co-ordination and show an awareness of space. To have increasing control over an object such as a ball. To learn to catch and throw underarm. We will be exploring the different ways we can move with our bodies and at a range of different speeds and how to balance and use some simple PE apparatus.

How to help your child at home by talking to them about why it's important to exercise and regularly take them to the park to run around and use play equipment. Continue to let them explore cutting with a strong scissor grip on a range of materials. Play simple ball games encouraging them to throw and catch

Our PE days are Monday and Wednesday

A message from your child's teacher

Welcome back. I hope you all had a good break and enjoyed the half term. Could you please ensure that your child/children wear the full school uniform (including grey trousers/skirt) and appropriate flat shoes to school and that they have a coat warm enough for winter weather. Just a reminder that if you would like to come and see Chloe about any concerns or queries you are always welcome to make an appointment with me for after or before school. As we are exploring Transport this term if you have any pictures of your children using transport please bring them in to share as a talking point with their friends. Thank you for continuing to work hard with your children to help them reach their full potential. We will be having the first Lea Class assembly on Wednesday 8th November at 3pm, please do come along if you can.

Homework is given out on a weekly basis but if you require extra homework please let us know and we will be happy to provide. If there are any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to approach a member of the Lea class team.

Thank you all so much for your continued support and hard work.

Chloe, Hilda and Hira

Learning Together!

We want to work in partnership with you. Please share your ideas, views and tell us about your child's interests at home. You can tell your child's key person or fill in the box below and hand it to any member of the Reception team.

We value your contributions!
