



Kingsmead Primary School

Information for Parents / Carers

Date: Nov-Dec 2023

Class: Lagan Teacher: Stephanie

TA: Amanda

Literacy- We will be continuing our supported reading and a phonics programme that will develop children's reading skills and confidence with books. We also work from 'Power of Reading curriculum' which uses brilliant stories to inspire the children and develop their literacy skills through role-play, re-telling stories, art work, ordering events, character study and non-fiction writing. This half term we are going to be exploring the books, 'The Sweetest Song,' retold by Hugh Lupton and 'Look Up,' by Nathan Bryon.

How to help your child at home- Please read with your child every day. We send home spellings each week, so please help your child to learn these words. Our phonics programme is called Read Write Inc. and you can watch example lessons on YouTube to help you better understand how it is taught and how you can encourage your child to write and read using their sounds. Please continue to encourage your child to start each letter on the line (as part of our Letter Join handwriting programme).

Maths: We will be continuing our learning on addition and subtraction using different strategies. We will be exploring 2D and 3D shapes.

How to help your child home You can support their numeracy by counting forwards and backwards in everyday situations and writing numbers correctly. Please practise counting in 1s to 20 forwards and backwards with your child. You could also practise counting in 2s.

Your child has been provided with a **Mathletics** login to use at home (check at the back of their homework book). This is an online maths programme that allows them to practice all different aspects of maths through games, songs and competitions.

Blocked subjects (Computing, Science, RE)

Computing: We will be learning about the importance of online safety and creating pictograms on a graph chart.

Science: Our science topic this half term is 'Animals, including Humans.' The children will learn to name and classify animals based on their species. They will learn about predators, prey and habitats. We will also learn about vertebrate and invertebrate animals.

RE: Our RE topic will be Christianity. As well as our RE lessons, we will be learning about this religion through our class assembly, our Nativity performance in December. We hope you can all make it.

Assembly date: Wednesday 6th December at 2:30pm.

Music: We will be learning music through songs within our Nativity.

A message from your child's teacher

Please help your child learn their line(s) for the Nativity show which will be given out soon. They need to know these off by heart! Thank you for your continued support 😊

Home reading books are changed every Monday and Friday. Please bring book bags in on these days.

Homework is sent home on Mondays. Please bring the pink homework book in on Mondays so we can complete the spelling quiz and stick the new homework into the book.

Your child's PE days are Monday and Friday.

For Year 1, school starts promptly at 9:00am and ends at 3.30pm. Please bring your child to school at 9am so they are not late for their reading groups.

Please inform the school if your child is sick.