



# Kingsmead Primary School

## Information for Parents / Carers

Date: April 2026

Class: Lagan

Teacher: Stephanie and Finn

TA: Amanda

### English

We will carry on with supported reading and phonics which continues to develop children's reading skills and confidence with books. All of the children have made progress and their supported reading groups have been changed to reflect this. We also work from 'The Power of Reading' 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 exploring the different voices of writers. This half term we are going to be exploring the books 'Splash, Anna Hibiscus!' by Atinuke, and 'The Snail and the Whale' by Julia Donaldson. Next half term we will be reading the stories 'The Lonely Beast' by Chris Judge and 'Where the Wild Things Are,' by Maurice Sendak.

**How to help your child at home.** Please read with your child for 20 minutes every day. We will be sending home spellings each week, so please help your child to learn to read and write these words.

**Maths** We will start to learn multiplication in the form of groups of the same amount and continue to count in 2s, 5s and 10s. We will learn about division as a form of sharing, understanding the importance of ending with equal amounts, we will learn about fractions of shapes and amounts, such as finding one half and one quarter.

Next half term we will learn about position and direction, place value between 0 and 100, comparing numbers and writing numbers as words. We will also learn about money and time.

**How to help your child home:** Practise chanting in 2s, 5s and 10s forwards and backwards. As a challenge, your child can practise counting backwards from 100 in 1s (100, 99, 98, 97...) Practise adding and subtracting numbers (number bonds) with your child, for example,  $13 + 2 = 15$  and  $15 - 2 = 13$ . Please practise writing numbers correctly with your child (the right way around).

### Foundation Subjects (Geography, Art, RE, D&T)

We will be starting the term with STEM week, creating Garden planters using recycled materials brought in from home. Followed by R.E where we will learn about Islam. This will be followed by our science topic, 'Plants.' We will learn garden plants, wild plants and trees. Then continue onto Seasonal changes.

In D.T we will cover mechanisms. In Art we will be learning about Freida Kahlo followed by Etel Adnan.

### A message from your child's teacher

Thank you for your ongoing support, we have a fun and interesting term ahead!

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

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

This half term, your child has **PE on Monday**. Please bring a PE kit for your child to change into at school.

**School starts promptly at 9am and ends at 3.30pm. Please bring your child to school on time so they are not late for their reading groups.**

**Please inform the school if your child is sick.**