



Kingsmead Primary School

Information for Parents / Carers

Date: April 2026

Class: River Severn

Teacher: Hang

TA: Maryam

English – This half term we will be reading Hugh Lupton's 'Tales of Wisdom and Wonder'. This is a collection of stories from around the world. Using these stories as our inspiration, we will continue to work on our writing 'voice', different sentence structures, speech and paragraphs. The second half term we will be reading poems! We will enjoy 'The Sun is Laughing', a collection of poems chosen by Sue Ellis. We are having some fun with words and breaking some of the writing rules!

After half term our texts will be 'I'll take you to Mrs Cole' by Nigel Gray, and 'Werewolf Club Rules' and 'Poems Aloud' by J. Coelho. We will continue to work on both our technical writing skills and our writer's voice.

How to help your child at home Please make sure that your child **reads for at least 20 minutes a day at home**, and of course, listening to their reading is invaluable for them. We will **change book bags on Fridays**. Please make time for your child to **practise spellings for 10 minutes** a day. Spellings will be sent home on Friday and tested the next Friday.

Maths – We are currently finishing our learning on fractions with a focus on adding and subtracting fractions as well as starting to find fractions of amounts. We will then turn to a focus on money before a few weeks learning about time, including reading the time to the nearest five minutes on an analogue clock and reading 24 hour clocks. We will apply this learning to problems involving time, including finding how long something takes if given the start and end time. After the half-term break we will move on to looking at the properties of shape, which includes learning about 2d and 3d shapes as well as angles. Our final maths topic of the year will be about statistics, including reading and creating tally charts and bar charts.

How to help your child at home: For this term, talking about time with your child will be very useful. Many children are more used to digital time but still need to learn to read analogue clocks too. While we use less cash than previously, the children will still be expected to recognise and know the value of coins in our money unit, so this is good thing to look at and chat about with your child. As always, continue to practice times tables on Times Table Rockstars. We need to learn our 2,3,4,5,8 and 10 times tables over the year. Keep working on Mathletics tasks. There are videos and resources to help your child with their times tables.

Homework sent home on Fridays reflects the learning we have been doing during the week so ask your child to tell you about what they understand.

Blocked subjects (Science, RE, Computing, Stem Week, DT and Geography)

We have started the Summer term with STEM week, in which we are using recycled materials to make a bird feeder for our local birds. Following STEM week, we will continue with Science and learn about forces and magnetism. The children will explore the concept of friction as a force and how it differs in relation to the type of material, how magnets behave and the strength of different magnets. Following this, we will work on our information technology project in Computing. The children will spend two weeks researching, creating spreadsheets, practising photography with a final Powerpoint presentation about the great fire of London. Our final week of Summer 1, we will look at mechanisms in DT. We will be working with levers and thinking about how pneumatics help us to move things.

When we return for Summer 2, we will begin our second science topic, 'Plants'. We will learn about the water transportation systems within plants, how plants make their own energy through photosynthesis and how the plant life cycle includes different types of seed dispersal. Then in RE we will be studying Christianity, looking at pictures, as well as some written representations, of Jesus. Finally, we will finish the year with our History topic, 'Ancient Greece'. We will learn about democracy and how it started in Ancient Greece. We will look at UK buildings and Ancient Greece buildings, the role of women and who Alexander the Great was.

A message from your child's teachers

We are looking forward to another term of learning with Severn Class. Lots of progress has been made this year, and we are anticipating more of the same. I will continue to be in the playground at the end of day, if you would like a chat or I will always be happy to give you a call if you prefer.

Thanks, Jane, Maggie

Bring your PE kits on Thursday and Friday for PE with Freddie and gymnastics with Autumn.

Bring book bags every Friday.

School starts at 8.50am and ends at 3.30pm.

Please collect your child from in front of the year 3 classroom in the main playground.

Please inform the school if your child is sick.