



Kingsmead Primary School

Information for Parents / Carers

Date: April 2026

Class: Ness

Teacher: Omi TA: Angela

English:

During the first half of the Summer term, we will be reading *Kindlekrax* by Philip Ridley. It is a fiction text about a young, unlikely hero who saves his town from a mysterious beast. We will be writing character and setting descriptions, diary entries, newspaper reports, stories and a persuasive letter.

In the second half of the term, we will be reading 'One Plastic Bag - Recycling Women in the Gambia' by Miranda Paul, a story about Isatou, a woman who identified a problem and set about trying to solve it. We will be learning to write reports, form different types of sentences and create speeches that we will present to others in the class. We will also read *The Iron man* by Ted Hughes. We will use the story to inspire us to story write and revisit our knowledge of punctuated speech, paragraphing and expanded noun phrases.

How to help your child at home:

It is crucial that you read with your child every day for at least 20 minutes as it enhances their reading confidence and will help them to understand the text better. Please ensure that your child brings in their book bag on Thursdays so that the book can be changed and they can complete an online Accelerated Reader test.

Maths:

The term, the children will be taking part in the statutory Year 4 multiplication check. Please continue to support the children their times tables.

We are continuing to learn about decimal numbers

- Use bonds to 100 to make whole numbers from decimals e.g. if 34 plus 66 is 100, then 0.34 plus 0.66 is one whole
- Extend our knowledge of place value of digits in numbers to two decimal places including with whole numbers e.g. 23.05 and apply to problems
- Partition decimal numbers in different ways e.g. $0.86 = 0.2 + 0.66$
- Compare and order decimal numbers up to 2 decimal places
- Round decimals with one decimal place to the nearest whole number and reason about decimal numbers

We will be looking at money

- Represent money in pounds and pence form as decimals (knowing that the £ sign does not accompany the p sign e.g. **not** £3.54p)
- Convert money between pounds and pence
- Compare and order amounts of money in decimal form
- Compare and order amounts of money in all forms e.g. 5565p > £45.62 and apply to solving problems involving money

We will look at statistics

- the interpretation of data and the representation of data in different formats
- looking at pictograms, tables and bar charts, whilst also creating our own and answering questions about them.

We will revisit shape and build on our knowledge of

- properties of shape
- recognising the differences between regular and non-regular shapes.
- position and direction
- plotting specific points of a polygon and identifying co-ordinates on a graph
- writing the co-ordinates in brackets indicating the x-axis and then y-axis.

How to help your child at home:

It is vital that all children learn their times tables by the end of this year. All children have a Timestables Rockstars login, practising on there will help.

Blocked subjects (History, D&T, RE, Science)

Our exciting Science STEM week project will be the first week of Summer term. The children will develop and investigate wind turbine rotor designs to evaluate which produces the most energy at a certain wind speed. In our science topic, 'Sound', Year 4 will be looking at how humans and other living things hear. They will be exploring how the ear is designed to 'catch' sound waves. The second science topic will be 'States of Matter' we will be exploring changing of states in more detail.

In computing, we will work on our information technology topic. We will work towards a presentation on Ancient Greece using Powerpoint and internet search engines-learning how to research, copy and paste both images and text onto Powerpoint. Year 4 will also be exploring handling data on Excel and creating graphs to include in their presentations.

Our history topic will be on the Romans. We will be exploring how the Roman empire started, developed and ended. There are lots of exciting opportunity to practice what Year 4 have learnt for their history topic with role playing, creating news reports and art projects.

A message from your child's teacher:

Thank you for all your support over the spring term. I look forward to continuing the hard work in the summer term and encouraging children to reach their potential. To support with this, please ensure your child completes their homework, arrives to school on time and attends every day. Thank you.

Your child's **PE day** is **Wednesday** and **Swimming** day is **Wednesday**. Please make sure they have their swimming kits ready.

Homework is given on **Fridays** and due in by **following Friday**.

School starts promptly at 9.00 and finishes at 3.30. Please inform the school if your child is ill.