

Kingsway Junior School

Curriculum Newsletter

Year 4 Autumn Term 2025



Welcome to Year 4! The children have settled well into Year 4 and have come back to school focused and ready for the year ahead. In Crowns class, Ms Abouchahla and Mrs McLaughlin are the class teachers. For Shields, Mrs Kandhai is the class teacher. The Year 4 TA's are Mrs Jawad and Mrs Starr.

English

In English, we will be studying 'The tree and the river', 'Arthur and the Golden Rope' and 'The King who Banned the Dark'. We are using a book-based scheme which concentrates on reading, writing and grammar. As reading is a priority for our school, each class will read a whole class book daily and children will be encouraged to read a range of texts with a teacher or TA for Guided Reading. Children will also have access to a reading book from our school library as well as a reading book from class to read at home.



Maths

In Maths, we will be following the Herts Essentials' curriculum. We begin the first half of Autumn Term developing our understanding of place value in numbers. We will also cover a range of other mathematical areas throughout the term. In all lessons, there will be a focus on reasoning and problem solving skills. Additionally, there will also be a strong focus on the learning and recalling of times tables.



Science

This term, the science topic is electricity. The children will learn about mains electricity and how to keep safe. They will build simple circuits and consider how a switch works. Using their circuits, they will investigate which materials are electrical conductors and which are insulators. Children will be using an enquiry-based approach to investigate and learn a range of scientific skills.



PE

PE for both classes will be focusing on gym and basketball. PE is taught by a CSE coach. Please ensure that a PE kit is brought in on Mondays and taken home on Fridays as PE times can change.



RE

In RE, we will be learning about Judaism followed by Christianity. The theme is Beliefs and Practices. At Kingsway, we are proud to teach tolerance of multiple faiths and beliefs through the Jigsaw scheme of work.



PSHE

In PSHE, we follow the Jigsaw scheme of work. This term, children will be learning about "Being Me in My World" and "Celebrating Differences". This will include discussing and learning about themes such as conflict, consequences, feelings and rewards.

Computing

This term, the children will be learning about coding and animation. Also, we will recap online safety to ensure children know how to keep safe online.



History & Geography

This term we are excited to continue with the scheme of 'CUSP' which will focus Anglo-Saxons, Scots, Vikings and Rivers. The unit focus on the settlement of Anglo-Saxons in Britain and how we use sources evidence to expand our knowledge.

Spanish, Music

Spanish will be taught by Mrs Hallahan on **Thursdays**.



Year 4 will have one music lesson on Wednesdays. They will have the opportunity to explore the trumpet instrument and they will learn how to play some tunes.

Art&DT

This term in art we will be learning about Viking art to tie in with our history unit. Recycled fabric will be used to make pencil cases in our DT lessons.

Class Assemblies:

Shields- 28th November

Crowns- 12th December

Open Door Policy

If you would like to talk to us about any issues, share further information you would like us to know about your child or ask any questions, please feel free to come and have a chat with us on the playground before or after school. Due to staff meetings, we are unavailable for meetings on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, however you can make an appointment through us or the office at any point during the term.