

Kingsway Junior School

Curriculum Newsletter

Year 4 Autumn Term 2026

The children have settled into Year 4 well and have come back to school focused and ready to tackle the year ahead.

In Shields this year, Miss Darwood will be your teacher, supported by Mr Dolling and Mrs Nelson.

In Crowns this year, Ms. Abouchahla will be your teacher, supported by Mr Thompson and Ms. Spencer.

Home Learning

Home Learning will be sent out half termly and will link to the pupils curriculum learning.

Please speak to class teachers for further information.

English

In English, we will be following the Herts For Learning Curriculum, which combines the use of outstanding rated books to approach learning in a creative, engaging and enthusing manner. Year 4 will be exploring the following texts:

- Pocket Poems,
- Arthur and the Golden Rope,
- The King who Banned the Dark,
- 'A Small Dragon',
- Until I met Dudley,
- Rosie Revere, Engineer,
- Starbird
- Zeraffa Giraffa.

Throughout the year the children will complete extended writing to ensure that the writing techniques are embedded. We will also be writing cross curricular pieces which combine their knowledge of English, Geography, History and Science. We encourage reading at ALL times.



Maths

We follow the Herts For Learning scheme for Maths. It will focus heavily on times tables, reasoning and problem solving skills.



We will cover a range of areas throughout the term such as place value, fractions, decimals and percentages, properties of shape, area and formal methods of all four operations.

We encourage pupils to regularly review and complete their multiplication table practice using TTRockstars, and ensure they are confident and fluent in them.

Science

In Science this term, we will be diving into the vital topic of **Conservation**. Through hands-on activities, critical thinking, and local exploration, students will discover how habitats change, why species become endangered, and how humans can protect the natural world.



In Autumn 2, we'll be delving into the world of **electricity**. The children will explore how electrical energy powers our daily lives and how to control it safely.

PE

PE will be taught by CSE coaches twice a week. This term we will be focusing on Fitness and Cross Country, Tag Rugby and Hockey.



Please ensure your child's PE kit is labelled and in school at all times.

RE

We are continuing to follow the Jigsaw curriculum for our RE learning. Over the coming weeks, our Year 4 students will be exploring the enquiry question: How do Jewish beliefs, teachings, and stories impact on daily life? This unit helps children understand how ancient traditions and core values shape the modern, everyday lives of Jewish people.

PSHE

We are continuing to follow the Jigsaw curriculum for our PSHE learning. For this term we will be exploring the units of 'Being Me in my World' and 'Celebrating Differences'.

Computing

In computing this year, we will be using the NCCE curriculum. This term our focus for learning will be: The Internet, Online safety, Audio Production.



History & Geography

This term we will continue to use the CUSP scheme of work, which will focus on the topics of Rivers and Longitude and Latitude as well as Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. The children will be exploring the key historical and geographical skills needed to meet the year 4 curriculum.

Spanish, Music

Spanish will be taught by Mrs Hallahan and will focus on likes, dislikes, classroom objects and the singular and plural form.

Music will be focussing on trumpets, being able to assemble and use them as well as reading simple music notations.

Art & DT

Art and DT will be taught by class teachers this year and for this term, the children will be exploring clay sculptures with a focus on Viking Longships.



Class assemblies:

11th December 2026 – Crowns class assembly

18th December 2026 – Shields class assembly

Educational Visits:

- ▶ 8th October 2026 Tri-golf Future Academy (Free)
- ▶ 15th October 2026 Cassiobury River trip
- ▶ 11th November 2026 – Visit to Garston Library

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, but you can make an appointment through us or the office at any point during the term.