

Kingsway Junior School

Curriculum Newsletter

Year 5 Autumn Term 2026

Welcome to Year 5! The children have settled into Year 5 well and have come back to school focused and ready to tackle the year ahead.

In Archers this year, Mrs Netto will be your teacher, supported by Mrs McHugh and Mr Swata.

In Knights this year, Mrs Kandhai will be your teacher, supported by Mrs Khatoon.

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 and engaging manner. Year 5 will be exploring



- 'Pocket Book of Pocket Poems, '
- 'The World of the Unknown: Monsters'
- 'Cloud Tea Monkeys'

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.



Science

Year 5 will be learning about famous scientists that aided world-changing discoveries such as Sir Isaac Newton and conducting some hands-on experiments to engage the children. They will be conducting a range of experiments and looking at what variables they can change and how to create a 'fair test'. Children will continue to develop their scientific skills by collecting data in a range of practical tasks. This half term, our focus will be on the earth, moon and the solar system. After half term we will take a look at 'Forces'.



PE

PE will be taught by CSE coaches twice a week. This term we will be focusing on Gymnastics, Dance, Cross Country and Netball. Wednesday and Friday.



RE

This term we will be focusing on beliefs and practices and the religion of Sikhism.



PSHE

We have one PSHE session a week. This term the weekly lesson will cover a topic called 'Being Me in my World' and 'Celebrating Differences'.

Computing

We are excited to be using the new platform called National Centre for Computing. This programme will allow pupils to develop their computing skills on a whole new level. This term the focus will be online safety to start with, and then looking at how systems work, inputs and outputs.



History & Geography

This term we will continue to use the CUSP scheme of work, which will focus on Ancient Greece in History and World Biomes in Geography. The unit will cover key facts, dates in history and evaluate reliable sources to deepen their knowledge. Alongside this we will be comparing and contrasting maps and looking at landscapes that link to History being taught at the time.

Spanish, Music

Spanish will be taught by Mrs Hallahan and will focus on likes, dislikes, classroom objects and singular and plural. Music will be taught by Mr Rollo.

Art & DT

Art will be taught by class teachers this year and will be based on the theme Freda Kahlo. We will be analysing various forms of art, and trying out a few ourselves.

Class assemblies:

Archers – 6th November

Knights – 16th October

Other dates:

Class photo's – 24th September

Hello yellow – 9th October

Parents evening – 20th & 22nd October

Fun Run – 19th November

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.