

# Kingsway Junior School

## Curriculum Newsletter

### Year 3 Autumn Term 2026

The children have settled into Year 3 well and have come back to school focused and ready to tackle the year ahead. In Castles this year, Miss Whiting and Ms Grover will be your teachers, supported by Mrs Starr, Mrs Dunton and Miss Stock.

In Palace this year, Miss Lawrence will be your teacher, supported by Mrs Jawad.

#### 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 3 will be exploring the following texts:

- Mini-Rabbit Not Lost
- Bear and the Piano
- The Magic Box Words are Ours
- The Koala who Could
- The Squirrels that Squabbled
- The Lion Inside
- Incredible Jobs You've (Probably) Never Heard Of

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 tables, and ensure they are confident and fluent in them.



#### Science

In Science this term, we will be exploring the unit of Rocks and Fossils and Forces and Magnets.

The key scientific skills that the children will be developing are observing over time and identifying, classifying and grouping.



#### PE

PE will be taught by CSE coaches twice a week. This term we will be focusing on Fitness and Netball then Gymnastics and Dance.

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. This term we will be focusing on the key beliefs and practices and worldview of Hinduism.

#### 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 Connecting Computers.



#### History & Geography

In history, we will be ordering events in the Stone Age, explaining how farming and new tools changed people's lives and investigating evidence from the past.

In geography, we will be locating and identifying places across the UK, comparing human and physical features, investigating how landscapes are shaped, and recognising significant landmarks.

#### 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 Ballads.

#### Art & DT

Art and DT will be taught by class teachers this year and for this term, the children will be exploring drawing in Art and in pneumatic systems in DT.

**Class assemblies:**

Castles - 20<sup>th</sup> November 2026

Palace - 27<sup>th</sup> November 2026

**Educational Visits:**

Stone Age Workshop – 15<sup>th</sup> December 2026

Trip to the church – 24<sup>th</sup> November 2026

**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.