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Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been a pleasure to see all the children back in school this week, enthusiastically talking about their summer holidays. Everyone has settled back into school really well: all classes have been calm and focussed on their learning about their new topics and behaviour has been exemplary. Below you will find an update on the curriculum being taught this half term for each year group. In formatting this section, I have used the feedback from the parent survey about communication and hope that the layout makes the information easier to read.

Many of you were able to join us for our 'Meet The Teacher' event on Wednesday this week where you will have received information about your child's class timetable. If you were not able to attend, this information should have arrived home with your child and was also shared by ParentMail on Thursday. Please speak to your child's teacher if you require further information.

Over the school holidays, Madame Barbault was successful in securing a position to train as a secondary school teacher; we wish her all the best in her new adventure. Mrs. Pearson, our Interventions Teacher, has taken on the school leadership for Modern Foreign Languages and will be supporting staff to teach languages across Key Stage 2 classes. Additionally, Mrs. Marsden, Office Administrator, was successful in finding alternative employment and has started her new role; we wish her luck in her new position. Earlier this week, we advertised for a temporary Office Administrator to support the work of the school office and we hope to appoint someone to this position in the very near future. Thank you for your patience while we cover this staff shortage.

The summer has seen a number of changes around the school site as we continue with our build programme. I'm sure you have noticed the replaced render outside of the school office which has made this area of the school much tidier. Additionally, our staffroom has been relocated to enable us to develop a specialist DT classroom and our Nursery has moved to be part of our EYFS unit. Mr. Calderwood has removed planters, play equipment and benches which were no longer useable, and has also installed pegs for our Year 4, 5 and 6 children to use. We have also raised enough money through our School Parliament's fundraising to purchase and install reading sheds which you will see near the gazebos on each playground. Over the coming year we will continue to enhance the school building and site and hope that this will make the school environment a nicer place to be.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs. Read

House Points			
This week's points are:			
Blue	196	Green	197
Red	201	Yellow	228
Well done to Yellow Team!			

Weekly Awards

Well done to the following children:

Class	Star of the Week	Resilience Rock
RK	Halenia-A'mei V	Mason B-J
1B	Esther L	Chloe B
1M	Olivia W	Ella P
2C	Camilla S	Kyrone F
2D	Asa S	Florence B
3LM	Riley B	Eleanor C
3S	Lily-Grace B	Ronnie W
4P	Brandon L	Sophie J
4W	Charlie Mc	Shana T
5Ro	Sidney B	Poppy F
5Ru	Harrison W	Max H
6C	Liv S	Jacob M-W
6T	Charly M	Ameila H

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Curriculum Update



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Nursery:

During this half term we will be focusing on getting to know you and your child. We will be supporting children settling into Nursery and becoming familiar with the routine and expectations. Our curriculum is part of the whole school's curriculum ensuring that what we do supports your child with the foundations for learning as they move through their school years. We will be learning about ourselves, things we enjoy doing, experiences we have had, food we like to eat and our feelings. As part of this, we will introduce key texts such as "Things I Like" by Anthony Browne, "The Tiger Who Came to Tea" by Judith Kerr and "Elmer's Friends" by David McKee. We will be using Tapestry again this year, with the addition of accident reports too. Please do check Tapestry regularly. You are welcome to add your own photos to Tapestry; the children do enjoy telling us about what you share. You are also able to like and comment on posts. If you have any issues with this please come and speak with us and we will try to help.

As a reminder, please can your child bring a named water bottle and a change of clothes (for any toileting accidents or wet/messy play).

Mrs. Abblitt, Mrs. Calderwood and Miss. O'Shea

Year 1:

This half term our topic will be 'Toys over Time'. Using the book 'Lost in the Toy Museum' by David Lucas, we will write adventure stories and a chronological report. In Maths, we will be learning place value, addition and subtraction within 10, ensuring all children have secure knowledge of counting objects and using these to support our calculations.

In Science, we will investigate Everyday Materials. We will identify and name a variety of everyday materials including: wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, rock, brick, paper, elastic, fabric and foil. We will describe the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials and compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of their simple physical properties.

In PE we will be looking at fundamentals in games,

Reception:

A huge welcome to all the children and families who have joined us at Kingsfield in Reception this year. We are really pleased that we are starting this term by learning more about ourselves and our families. In our story sessions, we will be reading lots of books including 'In Every House on Every Street' and 'Once There Were Giants'. In Maths, we are really focusing on looking and noticing. Mrs Kent will be asking us questions like 'What do you notice?' and 'What do you see?' We will be looking at portraits in art and thinking about how to create our own portraits of us, our family and our pets. PE lessons will start after October half term so children will not need their PE kit in school until then. Before that time, we will be visiting the hall and taking part in some activities on the playground.

Every child has a reading book and a library book. Please share the reading book with your child every day and write what you talk about in the reading record.

Most of all we want everyone to have so much fun in Reception whilst we are learning. You will see lots of posts on Tapestry about their learning. Share these with your child at the end of the day to encourage a conversation with you about their day. Just a reminder any injuries or accidents your child has will also be reported to you through Tapestry.

If you have any questions or queries about anything please feel free to talk to any of us in the Reception team.

Mrs. Kent

multi-skills and gymnastics. PSHE will enable us to explore our emotions and find appropriate strategies to manage them.

Reading and Phonics are a particular focus in Year 1. Daily reading is vital to your child's continued development and access to the curriculum. Your continued support in this is essential.

Mrs. Bendzulla & Mrs. MacNeil

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Year 2:

This term our core theme is 'Our School'. We will be answering the question 'How has our school changed?' We will learn about the original King Edward School through a visit to the community centre, Burnside, through a guided walk from a former pupil and the King Edward School at our current site through the use of photographs and artefacts loaned to us from the museum. We will then think about Kingsfield, our school now. We hope to bring the subject alive for the children. In Art, we will learn about the local artist Fred Ingrams and create our own Fenland landscape masterpieces after a walk to study the local landscape.

In English, we will enter a world of folk tales, studying 'The necklace of Raindrops' which includes several short folk tales. The children will focus on retelling stories, creating story maps, using expanded noun phrases, adjectives and adverbials. They will also learn how to write instructions as we share 'The Gigantic Turnip'. Reading books linked to your child's phonics stage will be sent home for your child to read with you. Please hear your child read regularly as it does make a huge difference.

In Maths, we will be focusing on place value followed by addition and subtraction. We will focus heavily on building our number skills using the 'say it, build it, draw it, write it' method. We will use Numbots to support the development of number facts; log-ins are in the back of reading records so that children can access this at home.

In PSHE, we will learn about different types of families and friendship. Within RE, we will study Christianity, thinking about Jesus' life and teachings. Science will help us learn all about materials and their properties. In PE, we will learn circus skills as well as team games using a range of equipment.

Mrs. Culyer & Miss. Davis-Day

Year 3:

In Year 3 we will be learning about the Stone Age to the Iron Age. In our English lessons, we will be reading different books about the Stone Age, starting with 'The First Drawing' by Mordicai Gerstein. In our Maths work, we are looking at the place value of 3-digit numbers and will be following this with addition and subtraction. Through our Science lessons, we will be learning about the different types of rocks, including how they are formed. In our Art lessons, we will be learning how to use charcoal and creating our own version of cave drawings.

In RE, we will be re-visiting our learning about Christianity and the importance of Jesus Christ. Through Computing, we will be learning how to use a desktop publishing software and will be using this knowledge to create an information leaflet on the Stone Age. Later on in the term, we will be learning about the regions of the UK in Geography and will be creating our own Stone Age tool boxes in Design Technology.

Miss. Latimer, Mrs. Moss & Mrs. Smart

Year 4:

This half term our topic is 'Roman Britain'. We will become historians and make our own enquiries into all areas of Roman Britain using artefacts, books and through meeting a very exciting visitor! In Guided Reading, we will be honing our inference, deduction and retrieval skills using 'Romans on the Rampage' by Jeremy Strong. Through the text 'Journey' by Aaron Becker, we will be exploring the features of a narrative in English and using those skills to create our own fantasy narratives.

In Maths, we will develop our number sense through learning about the place value in four digit numbers and the application of this to solve addition and subtraction problems. In Science, we are learning about states of matter. When doing this, we will be exploring how particles move and how materials change from one state of matter to another. During PSHE sessions, we will be exploring different emotions we go through in life and ways in which to regulate and manage these.

Miss. Payne & Mrs. Walker

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Year 5

This half term, our topic is the Greeks. In History, we will be investigating Ancient Greece, including the lasting impact that they had on the world such as the alphabet, democracy and the Olympic Games. We will be using our knowledge of Greek pottery to create our own Greek vases using papier-mâché in Art.

Our Science topic is based around Earth and Space where we will be discussing how the Moon appears to change shape. We are going to learn about the different planets as well as how different orbits occur.

In PSHCE, we are going to be learning about ourselves and our relationships with family and friends.

In Music, we are learning to sing and play instruments to Bon Jovi 'Livin' on a Prayer', which we are sure the children will love!

Our PE topics include Table Tennis which will be on a Tuesday and Swimming on a Wednesday.

In Computing, we will be investigating how the internet connects us through networks.

Children will continue to use TT Rockstars to consolidate their multiplication tables knowledge and will have a reading book to read daily.

Miss. Rose & Miss. Rushmer

Year 6

This half term, our topic will be World War One. In English, we will be exploring war poetry and stories linked to this theme and will also be writing narratives based on the animated video 'The Piano'. In Guided Reading, we will be developing our comprehension skills through reading 'Private Peaceful' by Michael Morpurgo.

In Maths, we will begin by reading, writing, comparing and ordering numbers to ten million, before moving on to using these skills to explore number and the four operations.

In Science, we are learning all about electricity and circuits and we will use these new-found skills and knowledge to support us in creating security alarm systems for trenches in DT later in the term.

In History, we will be learning about World War One, working as historians to uncover the causes of war, key battles, life in the trenches and technologies that were used during this period. We will also be thinking about the impact of the First World War on our local area and studying the life of George Clare.

In RE, we will be furthering our learning from Year 5 and will continue to learn about Judaism. This term, we will be making links and comparing stories between different religions, particularly Judaism and Christianity.

This year, our PE days will be Thursdays and Fridays, and during this time, we will be learning about the skills needed for both dance and rugby.

Miss. Corrigan & Mr. Rhodes

School Governance

We are looking to form a new, local governing body for our amazing school. Being a governor is a volunteer role which is highly rewarding. You will get to see the inside workings of the school and support senior leaders in key areas. You do not need to have previous experience but we do ask that you are enthusiastic and willing to learn.

Meetings will vary on number depending on the role undertaken but they will be held at least termly within the school day. Active Learning Trust will provide appropriate training for new governors and there is an ongoing cycle of training for those experienced members.

If you are interested in being considered for a governance role, please contact Mrs. Coates on head@kingsfield.cambs.sch.uk.

Check Your Diary...

Upcoming Events For Families

13th September 2022 - Roald Dahl Day:

Children in all year groups are invited to wear yellow to celebrate Roald Dahl's favourite colour; no donations required. During the day, children will hear stories and poems written by Roald Dahl and explore their favourite characters.

14th September 2022 - Year 6 Grafham Water Meeting, 2.15pm:

Parents of children attending the Year 6 residential are invited to a meeting to discuss the timetable for the visit, the kit list and other organisational information. The meeting will be held in the King Edward Hall, so please enter school via the Burnsfield Estate entrance. Information will be made available for those who cannot attend.

14th September 2022 - Year 5 Curriculum Swimming begins:

All children in Year 5 will participate in swimming. Please ensure your child has their swimming kit including swimming hat, towel, swimming costume or trunks and goggles (optional).

Diary Dates

New dates will be added weekly so please do read this section each week.

Autumn Term Dates 2022

1st & 2nd September – PD Day

5th September – Children return to school

7th September - Meet The Teacher

13th September - Roald Dahl Day

14th September - Year 6 Grafham Water Meeting

14th September—7th December - Y5 Swimming

19th to 21st September - Year 6 Residential Visit to Grafham Water

29th September - Church Assembly

7th October - Slip Into Slippers Charity Day

7th October - Year 2 visit to King Edward Centre

7th October - Year 1 Bikeability

10th October - Bikeability

13th October - Year History Off The Page Visitor

18th October - Individual photographs

19th October Speed Stacking Competition

19th October - Parent Consultations

20th October - Parent Consultations

24th to 28th October 2022 – Half term

7th November - Flu vaccinations

11th November - Girls' Football Festival

18th November - Tag Rugby Competition

7th December - EYFS Nativity 9am

12th December - Flu vaccinations

14th December - KS1 Christmas Production 9am

20th December – Last day of term

21st December 2022 – PD Day

Spring Term Dates 2023

4th January – Children return to school

11th January—29th March - Year 4 Swimming

13th January - Bikeability

13th to 17th February – Half term

20th February – PD Day

21st February - Children return to school

27th February - Bikeability

21st March - Year 3, 4 & 5 Production 1.30pm

22nd March - Parent Consultations

23rd March - Parent Consultations

31st March – Last day of term

Summer Term Dates 2023

17th April – Children return to school

19th April—28th June - Year 3 Swimming

20th April - Group Photographs

1st May – Bank Holiday

23rd May—11th July - 6C swimming

25th May—13th July - 6T swimming

26th May – PD Day

29th May to 2nd June – Half term

5th June - Bikeability

13th July - Year 1 Visit to Wicken Fen

18th July - Celebration of Work

18th July - Year 6 Leavers' Production 6pm

19th July - Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 9am

19th July – Last day of term