

# Keston Primary School and Nursery

## Curriculum Information



### Autumn 1 Year 1

#### General Information

The children should have a P.E kit consisting of royal blue shorts, a white t-shirt and plimsolls in school at all times. The children need a swimming kit including towel, swimming hat and costume. Hairbands should be plain school colours (blue, black or white) and not too big.

Please insure all items (including school uniform and water bottles) are clearly named.

#### English

In our English lessons, a range of fiction and non-fiction texts will be used to support both reading and writing. The children will be encouraged to develop different styles of writing including story sequencing in narrative, recounts and instructions. We will focus on basic sentence structure and punctuation as well as handwriting. The children will have daily phonic lessons, where they will be split into groups, as well as three guided reading sessions.

#### Mathematics

In mathematics we will be ensuring that the children can read forwards and backwards, write and order numbers to at least 20. They will learn about the methods of addition and subtraction and how we record these. They will learn the names of 2D and 3D shapes, begin to understand the value of coins and begin to learn about time.

#### Explore and Discover

Our topic this half term is 'Under the sea' where we will study a variety of common animals and explore the different habitats which they live. In history we will be learning about the history of the sinking of the titanic, leading us to make our own mechanical vehicles.

In Science, towards the end of the half term, we will be looking at materials and their uses. We learn the names of common materials, look at their properties and their uses in everyday objects. As part of our topic we will also investigate waterproof materials.

After half term our topic will be '*I wish I lived in a castle!*' where we will cover the topic of homes, old and new and their features. We will use the artist JMW Turner to develop a range of art using different mediums and shades and look at Matisse. We will also be looking at both Queen Elizabeth I and Queen Elizabeth II trying to place them in time with what we already know.

In Music the children will have singing and music sessions once a week. They will explore rhythm and pitch, using a variety of tuned and untuned instruments and listen with concentration to a variety of music from different genres.

## **RE**

The children will be learning about the story of Noah; learning about trust, obedience and disobedience. In the lead up to Christmas, the children will learn to recall the events in the Nativity story.

## **PE**

The children will be swimming once a week on a Thursday morning. They will have a PE lesson once a week on a Tuesday morning. This term, we will begin by exploring various games and the looking at techniques. On the other days, the children will be expected to take part in the Keston Kilometre. P.E kit will not be necessary.

## **How to help your child**

The children will choose a reading book daily to share at home. On a Monday, Wednesday and Friday they will be able to choose a free choice book from the book corner and on a Tuesday and Thursday they will choose a coloured levelled book. A reading record book will be issued to enable a record to be kept of this and any other books you may read together. Reading Record books will be collected on a Wednesday and Friday by the teacher. We encourage you to read with your child at least five times a week.

The children will begin weekly spellings with a spelling test on Tuesdays. The amount of spellings will vary from child to child and will be linked to the sounds learnt that week in their phonics lessons.

In addition, a set of suggested homework tasks will be set at the beginning of each half term of which any three tasks are expected to be completed to bring into school. More information will be given when the homework is set.

Please continue to support your child to learn their high frequency words given out in Reception as well as the phonic sounds and blends.

Please also, help your child to understand the passing of time by talking about days of the week, months of the year and seasons.

It would be beneficial for your child to practice number bonds (pairs of numbers that add to 10 and 20) and counting backwards from a two digit number.

Parents helpers within class would be much appreciated. Please see the class teacher to arrange what time would be appropriate. If you do not already have one, please see the Office staff for a DBS form.

Please donate boxes of tissues as they are always useful this time of year.

## **Useful website links**

Maths websites

- [www.mathsphere.co.uk](http://www.mathsphere.co.uk)
- <http://www.ictgames.com/resources.html>
- <http://www.snappymaths.com/>
- <http://www.topmarks.co.uk/interactive.aspx?cat=8>

Literacy/phonics websites

- <http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/ChildrensMenu.htm>
- <http://www.galacticphonics.com/>
- <http://www.roythezebra.com/>
- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/literacy/>
- <http://www.ictgames.com/literacy.html>

Mrs Cawkwell (Yellow Class) and Miss Davies (Purple Class)