



**WELCOME
TO YEAR 1!**



Miss Jackson



Mrs Tongue



Mrs Hulbert



Mrs Baker



Miss Johnson



Miss Wylie

Meet the team!



Mrs Amaral
(Cover)

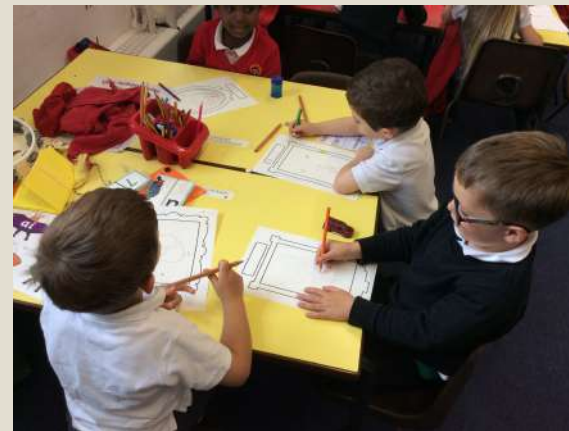


Mrs Jesson
(Cover)



Mr Arnold
(Swimming)

- In Year 1, we believe that it is important to have a smooth transition between the Foundation Stage and the Year 1 curriculum.
- In KS1, children learn successfully through play. We offer a range of opportunities for children to engage in learning in this way as well as gradually introducing a more formal structure.
- A typical day involves a literacy, phonics and maths input with follow on activities. Art, science, ICT, history, geography, DT, PHSE and RE are all visited during the afternoons in our various Learning Journeys.



Play centred learning

- Our literacy curriculum is called Ready Steady Write.
- Each half term will focus on one book.
- Learning will go through 4 stages - immerse, analyse, plan and write.




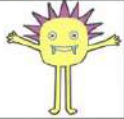
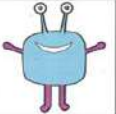



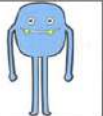

Literacy



Phonics

- Phonics is the main strategy used in schools to teach reading. We use the Read Write Inc, which is a highly systematic and successful programme of study.
- In June 2026, all year 1 children are expected to take a phonics' screening which involves children reading a series of 40 real and alien words.
- The pass rate in 2025 was 32 out of 40.
- We'll be holding a Phonics Evening for parents on Wednesday 17th September at 6pm.

Examples of words

Section 2		Section 2	
bluns		quigh	
skarld		herks	
splot		jorb	
strabe		zale	

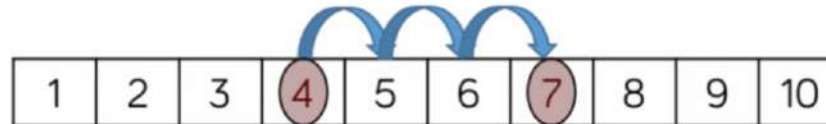
Maths

- Maths is taught daily and each lesson begins with a Review & Do where we revisit and reinforce previous learning.
- New concepts are taught using the 'concrete, pictorial and abstract' process.
- We learn in lots of different ways including songs, rhymes, practical activities, online games, investigations and paired work.

Concrete: cubes/counters/physical objects



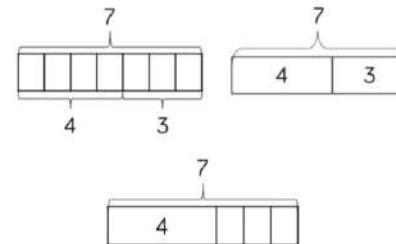
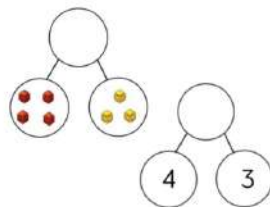
Pictorial: number lines/pictures of items/pictures of counters/cubes, etc.



Abstract: number sentences

$$4 + 3 = 7$$

Other representations:



- To count to and across 100 - forwards and backwards and from any given number.
- To count in multiples of 2, 5 and 10.
- Add and subtract numbers to 20.
- Identify halves and quarters of shapes and quantities.
- Compare lengths, weights and volume.
- Know the days of the weeks and months of the year.
- Tell the time to the hour and half hour on a clock face.

Maths

End of Year 1 expectations





- Our mornings are focussed on teaching reading, writing and maths.
- Other subjects are mainly taught in the afternoons. These are art, computing, design and technology, geography, history, music, P.E, P.H.S.E and science.
- We group these subjects into themes and link as much learning as possible.
- We'll send you weekly updates letting you know what we'll be teaching in school. This will be on Seesaw.

The Learning Journey



P.E


Year 1 will have P.E on a Friday afternoon.

Children should bring P.E kit in a named bag.

Their bag will need to contain the items featured in the picture.












They will need a warm zip up and joggers for colder weather.

Please put names on EVERYTHING!



2023 PE Uniform - Visual Examples

June 2023

	Unicorn	Or	Dragon	Or	Griffin	Or	Phoenix
Top Half	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Coloured T shirt (in colour of house red/ green/blue or yellow) 						
Top Half	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Black sweatshirt/ jumper/ cardigan as per full uniform 						
Bottom Half	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Fully plain black jogging bottoms orFully plain black sports shorts/ skorts/ cycling shorts (not too short and free from logos) 						
Socks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Grey, black or white socks						
Footwear	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Dark trainers appropriate to sports activity. These do not need to be fully black.						

Swimming

Swimming will be on a Tuesday Afternoon and is a key part of our P.E curriculum.

Children should bring swimming kit, including a swimming hat in a named bag.

If your child uses goggles, please ask for a permission letter from the office.

We will let you know on when this will start.



Break Times

Snacks

Unlike Reception, we have a break from 10.15-30am everyday. Free fruit is provided and children can also bring their own snacks from home - healthy ones please and not too much!

No snacks which contain nuts or nut products.

Hot and Cold

We go outside most days so please make sure your child comes into school with a coat each day.

When it's hot a hat and water bottle are crucial.

Routines



Reading at Home

- Extensive research has shown that reading at home with their child is the single most important thing parents can do to improve educational achievement.
- Our home reading books are closely matched to the phonics sounds and books your child is learning each week in school.
- It is recommended that children read each book 3-5 times. This helps them progress from focussing on decoding to focussing on comprehension.
- Remember: PRACTICE MAKES PERMANENT! 😊
- We'd really like it if you could send us a short video (30-60 seconds) of your child reading to someone at home. It doesn't need to be the whole book, just a few pages and we'll award 10 house points for every video we receive!
- Books will be changed every Monday, please remember to bring them in.





New School Values

6 Values, each with 4 supporting qualities

Kindness through: Words and Actions, Gratitude, Empathy and Helpfulness

Integrity by being: Honest, Fair, Trustworthy and Ethical

Respect by: Listening, Being Courteous, Showing Humility and Following the Rules

Resilience by being: Courageous, Optimistic, Patient and Self Confident

Aspiration by being: Dedicated, Independent, Organised and Problem Solvers

Reflectiveness by being: Curious, Adaptable, Creative and Analytical

- Children earn house points for great work, application and for excellent behaviour in class and at lunchtimes.
- We also find stickers can be a great motivator in Year 1.
- Certificates are awarded to two children in each class in our celebration assembly every Friday.
- Each half term, two children will receive a certificate and you'll be invited in to see them receive the certificate in an assembly. One certificate will be presented for being a good learner and the other for being a good person.
- We also have awards presented for each key stage based on the school values.

Rewards

Picking up at home time

Please let your class teacher know, either in person or via an email or note, if there is a change in your usual pick up routine.

If you are going to be late, please contact the office so we can reassure the children.

Please name EVERYTHING!

Communication

Quick messages can be shared at morning drop off.

Anything else - please email via

admin@kmprimary.leics.sch.uk

We're happy to talk over the phone or in person just message to arrange a time.

Seesaw

We'll send you a weekly message via Seesaw to let you know what your child will be learning. We will also set homework tasks on this platform.

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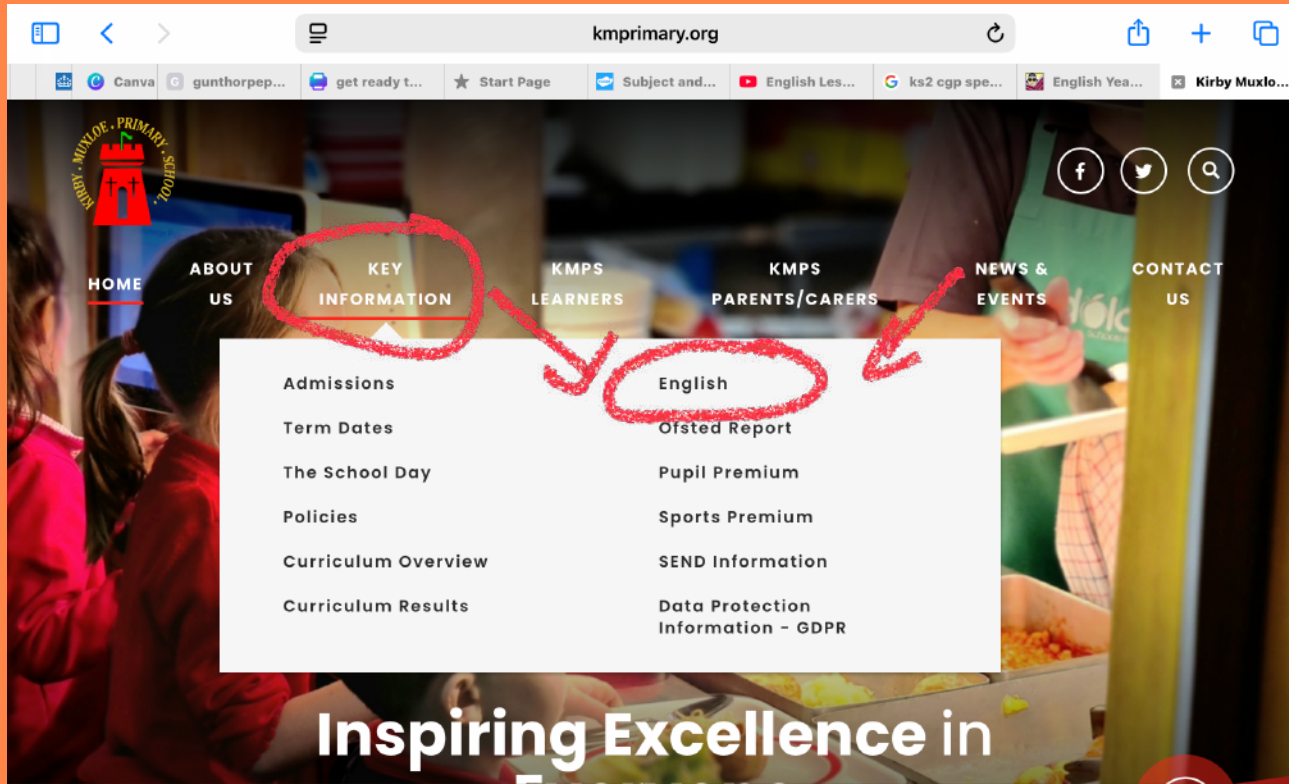
Seesaw

English Resources

Here is how to find the English part to our school website.

This explains our approach to teaching reading, writing and spelling etc...

There is also a section offering ideas how you can help at home.



Our English Vision

At KMPS, we want children to leave the school as confident communicators, fluent and motivated readers and coherent writers, possessing a rich and broad range of vocabulary, which can be articulated in a range of contexts to enrich their adult life. To achieve this, we want to provide all children at KMPS with high quality learning opportunities in English through discrete skill based sessions and linked opportunities across the curriculum.

Use the boxes below to explore our English curriculum further.



Information to support you and your child with

LITERACY



FS, KS1 and KS2

Literacy and English Section
to our School Website.



Reading



Writing



Spelling



How you can help at home



Other information

Simply scan the QR codes to learn more about supporting your child with reading and writing.

If you have any further questions, please contact your class teachers.

How to support your child with MATHS



KS1 (EYFS, Y1 & Y2)

Maths Homework.

Given weekly.

Reception & Year 1 - Largely based on developing key skills.

Year 2 - As above, but with additional Times Table practice.

If you would like to know more about a particular method, please ask your child's teacher.

Times Table Rockstars
(Y2 only).

We recommend ~10 minutes, 4-5 times per week.
Little and often is key.

Children in Y2-Y6 have a log in for this app - downloadable from the App Store. You can also use it on the website.

Free app.

Have a look at the handy guide attached to this document.



Number Blocks

BBC iPlayer

A fantastic series of videos, perfect for our younger mathematicians. There are seven series, plus a selection of additional videos and games.



1-Minute Maths app

White Rose

1 minute quizzes on a variety of different maths concepts - great for all primary aged children although initially aimed at EYFS-Y2.

Also a fantastic way for all children to develop their mental agility.

No log in required. Free app.



Topmarks Games



Other Useful Links/Ideas:

Polypad:

A useful website to create visuals if you don't have many resources at home.

Pinterest:

Search 'EYFS/Year 1/Year 2 games'. Lots of practical ideas which can be done simply with a bit of creativity and imagination.

White Rose Parent Resources





THANK YOU FOR
WATCHING 😊

Reading at Home

HOW CAN YOU HELP YOUR
CHILD WITH READING?

