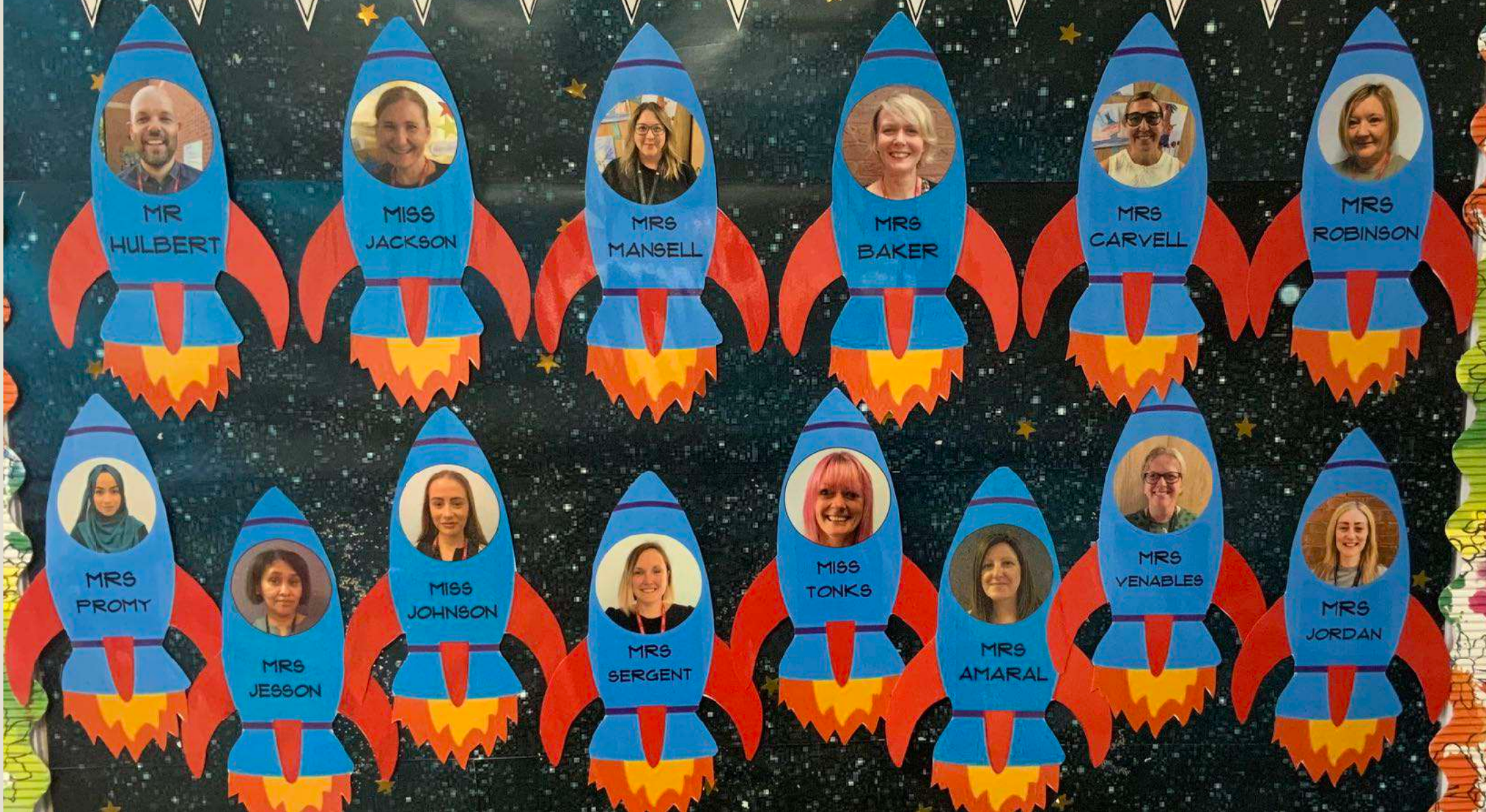




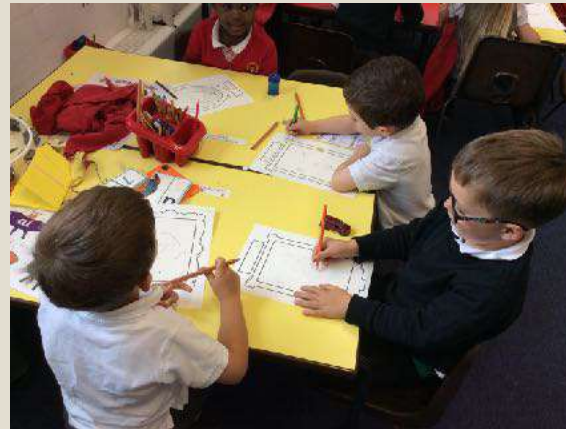
WELCOME
TO YEAR 1!



W E L C O M E T O Y 1



- 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.

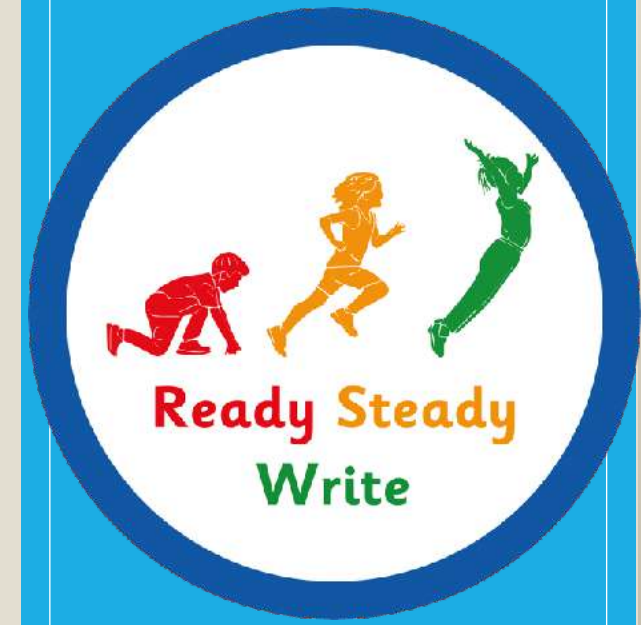


Play centred
learning

- 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.

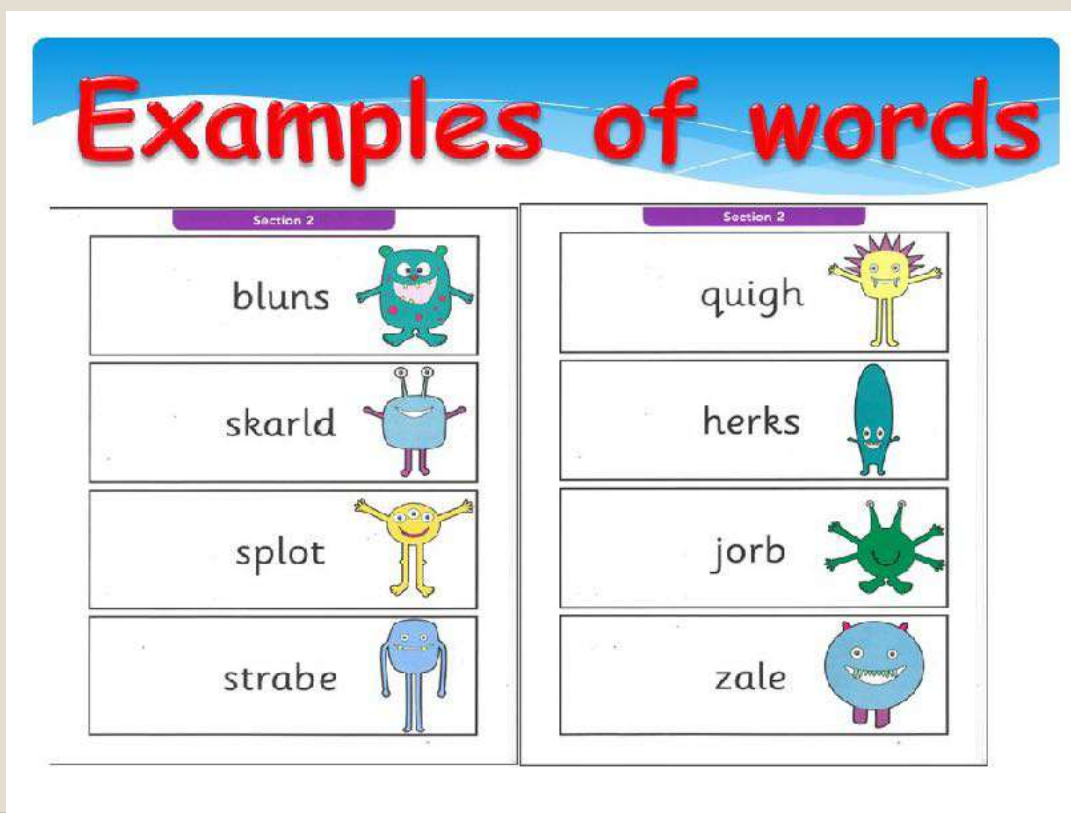


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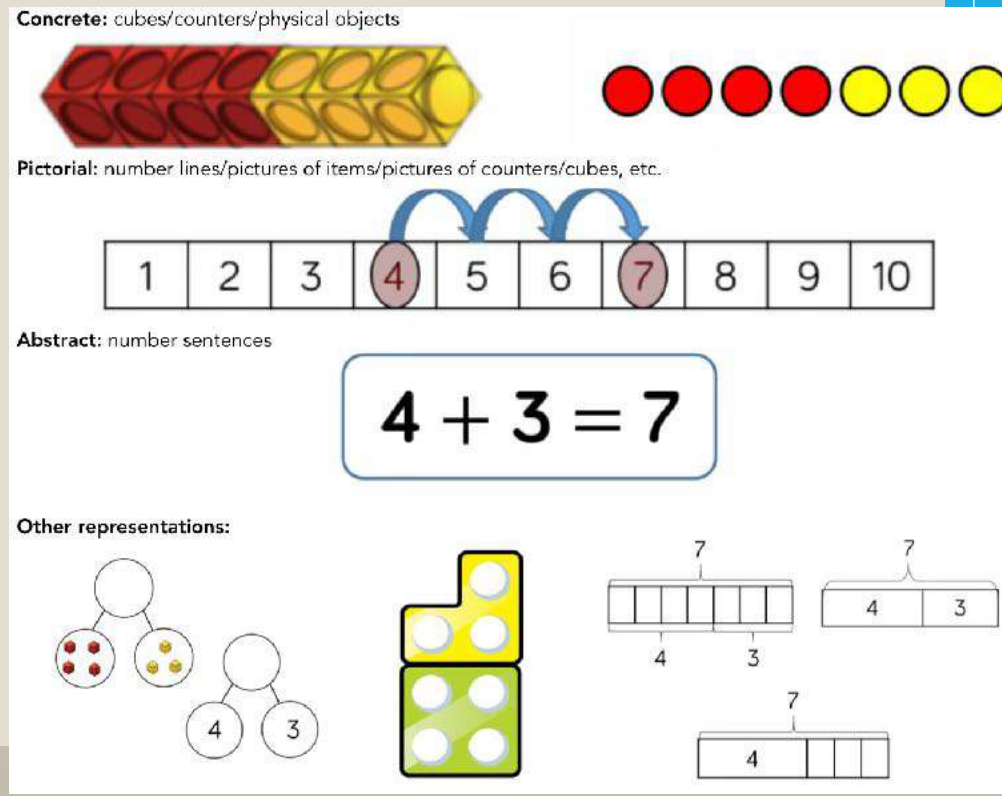
Phonics

- 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 2026 was 31 out of 40.
- We'll be holding a Phonics Evening for parents on Wednesday 16th September at 6pm.



- Maths is taught daily and each lesson begins with a Review & Do where we revisit and reinforce previous learning. Followed by 'Over to You' to practise counting as a class.
- 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.

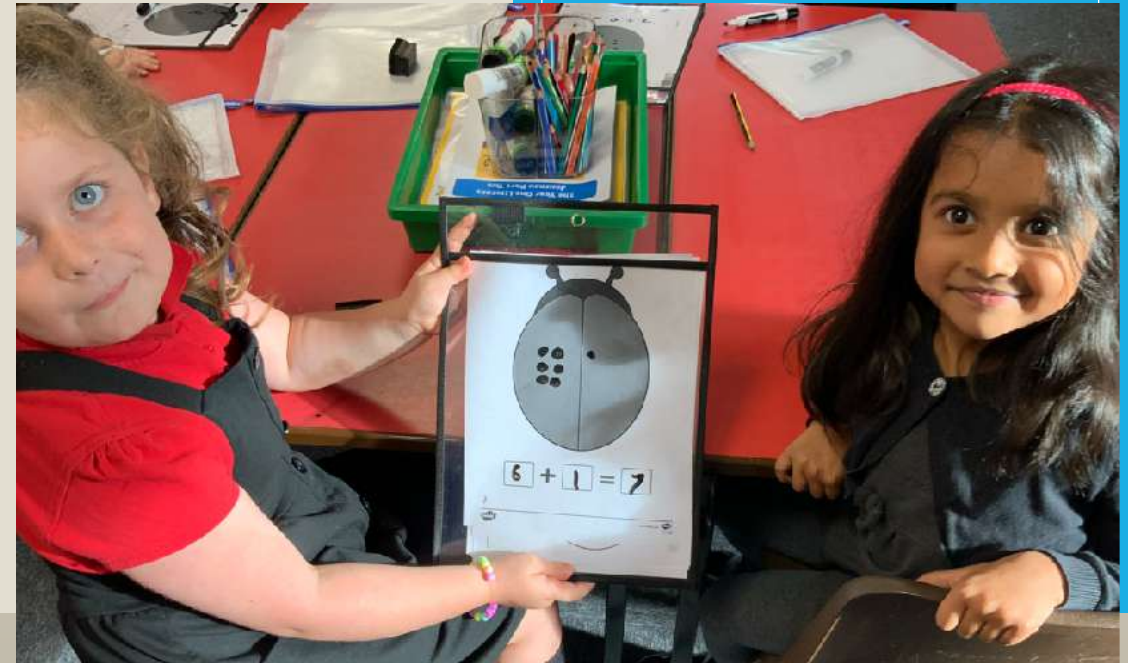
Maths



- 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.
- To support our learning, we are also planning two trips this year. The first will be in the late autumn term. The second will be towards the end of the year.

Foundation Subjects



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		Dragon		Griffin		Phoenix
Top Half Coloured T shirt (in colour of house red/ green/blue or yellow)		Or		Or		Or	
Top Half Black sweatshirt/ jumper/ cardigan as per full uniform		Or		Or			
Bottom Half - Fully plain black jogging bottoms or - Fully plain black sports shorts/ skorts/ cycling shorts (not too short and free from logos)		Or		Or		Or	
Socks Grey, black or white socks							
Footwear 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.



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 - please see our new snack policy below and please don't send in a three course meal!

No snacks which contain nuts or nut products.

Morning Snacks	Water or milk Cheese Eggs Yoghurt/ yoghurt tube Fruit (fresh or dried)	Vegetables Crackers Cereal bars - non chocolate/nut Rice cakes Plain popcorn
Packed Lunches	<u>General items</u> Snack items as above+ Salad Sandwiches/wraps/rolls Cold pasta/rice	<u>In Moderation</u> Crisps Small cake or biscuit Pastry based items
Not to be brought for either snack or packed lunch	Products containing nuts - including Pesto, Nutella or other nut or hazelnut spread based foods	Chocolate Bars Fizzy or energy drinks Sweets or confectionary

Routines

Break Times

Rain or Shine

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 Thursday, please remember to bring them in.



Reading at Home

HOW CAN YOU HELP YOUR CHILD WITH READING?





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.

Routines



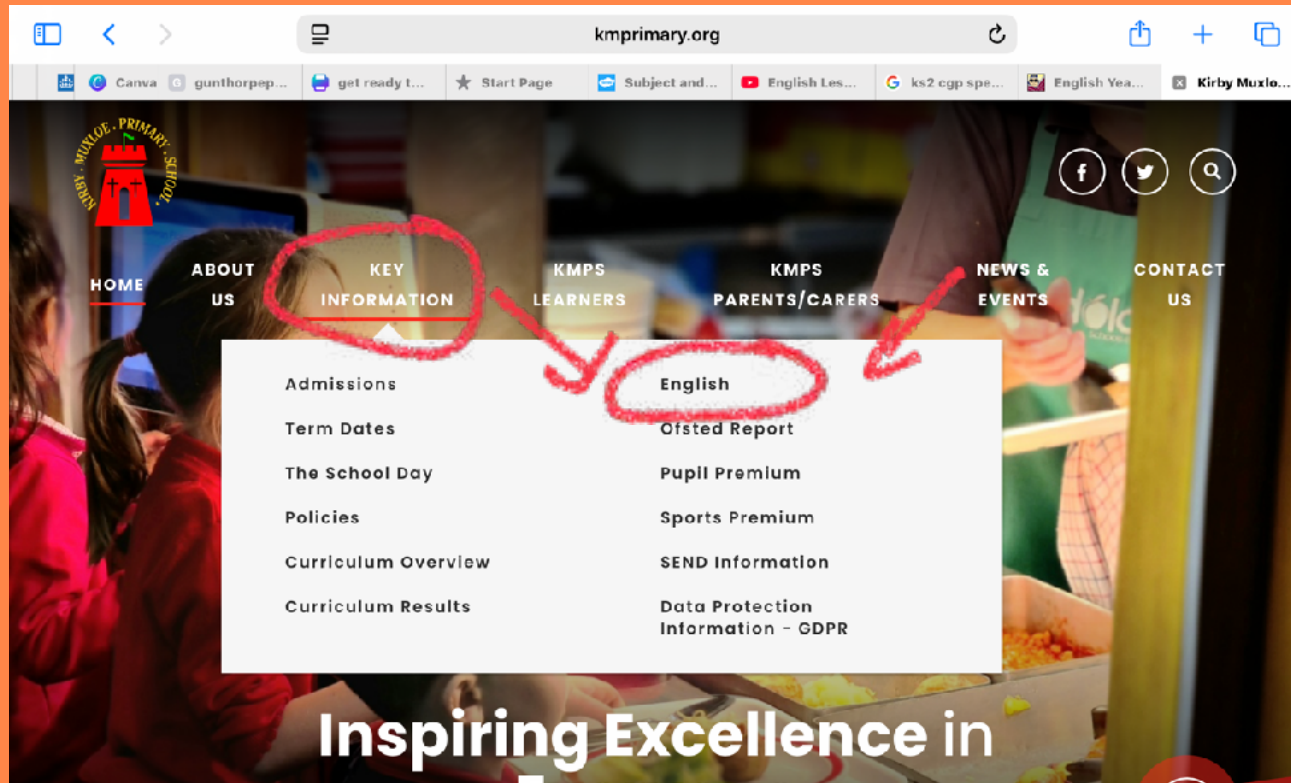
Seesaw

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 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



KS1, KS2 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



E-Safety

On the school website you can find a variety of useful information to support your children when using online platforms or resources.

E Safety



Guides For Parents & Carers

Please click on an image to download a pdf version of the guide.



WhatsApp



Snapchat



Youtube



Netflix



Disney+



Roblox



THANK YOU FOR
WATCHING 😊