



KINGSLEY  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

YEAR 5 – SPRING TERM 1

# NEWSLETTER



## English

In English, we will develop our writing through character descriptions inspired by *Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde*, focusing on how authors create mood and atmosphere. We will also write a diary recount, using language to express thoughts and feelings clearly.

In reading, we will study *The Explorer* by Katherine Rundell, developing retrieval and inference skills using evidence from the text.

## Maths

In maths, we will strengthen our understanding of multiplication and division, alongside working with fractions, decimals and percentages.

Regular arithmetic practice and Maths Whizz will be used to build fluency, accuracy and confidence.

## Science

In science, we will learn about life cycles, including human development from birth to old age, foetal development and the life cycle of mammals.

We will also have some very special guests – as we learn to care for chicks!

## History/Geography

Our focus is history this term. We will explore the story of the Trojan Horse and consider whether it should be viewed as historical fact, legend or classical myth, developing critical thinking skills, such as to describe and explain the main events in the siege of the city of Troy during the Trojan War in Ancient Greece.

## PSHE/RE

Our PSHE focus this term is keeping safe. We will learn about bullying, decision-making and understanding risk.

In RE, we will study Sikhism, exploring how sacred teachings and stories are interpreted by Sikhs today and how these influence daily life.



## PE

In P.E., our outdoor unit focuses on developing our skills in Tag Rugby. We will learn to turn with a ball, maintain position when attacking and to control a bouncing ball.

Our indoor unit will further enhance our confidence as gymnasts. Lessons will focus on refining our round-off technique, perform an over-the-shoulder roll and transition into a bridge with control.

## Art/DT

Our focus is art this term. We will work around the theme '*I Need Space*', developing our observational drawing skills and learning how to draw with increasing accuracy. We will practise using shading and tone to add detail to our artwork.

## MFL

In French, we will practise using phrases to express opinions and we will also continue to build confidence with numbers in French from 0–100.

## Music

In music, Miss Littlewood's class will be accessing the 'Soundstart' programme, where children will have the opportunity to learn a new musical instrument.

Miss Brown's class will be focusing on 'Dancing in the Street' and continuing to play the recorder. They will access Soundstart later in the academic year.

## Computing

In computing, we will explore selection in physical computing, using programmable microcontrollers. To do this, we will use 'microbits' to investigate conditions and control outcomes.

