

# KINGSWOOD PARKS NEWS

*Kingswood Parks Primary School takes seriously its responsibility to safeguard all children and adults and have rigorous procedures in place to do so.*

**Message from Mrs Loten:** It has been a very busy start to the term with children all enthusiastic to be back to school and reading their new books that the curriculum is designed around. On book launch days at the beginning of term there were some fantastic costumes as pupils came dressed as characters linked to their class book. More lately the term has been a little more challenging with pupil and staff absences linked to COVID. A big thank you for continuing to work with us.



**Monday 14th February**— Valentines Menu

**\*Friday 18th February**— School closes for half term

**Monday 28th February**—Children return to school

**\*Thursday 3rd March**—World Book Day Menu

\*Special Menu/further information will be sent out in the coming weeks.

## Year 6:

This term we have started with a bang—the children have explored the book ‘Kensuke’s Kingdom’ by Michael Morpurgo and have fully immersed themselves in island life. For our book launch, the children learnt some Japanese numbers and created silhouette art based on the front cover of our book. Since then, we have written a tale of fear story which includes all Year 6 features. In Maths, we have been exploring ratio and algebra! The children have impressed us all with their resilience and determination to succeed! Well done!

## Foundation Stage:

What a wonderful start back to school after the Christmas holidays we have had! Across Foundation Stage One and Foundation Stage Two the children have been fully immersed in all things ‘Three Little Pigs’. It was so lovely to see the children in their fabulous costumes for our book launch, thank you to you all for your fabulous efforts! We have learnt the story of the Three Little Pigs using the song from ‘Debbie and Friends’ alongside our story map with signifiers and actions. The children in Foundation Stage One have thoroughly enjoyed creating their own houses for the pigs to live in, both inside and outside, using a variety of different materials. In Foundation Stage 2 the children have been developing their colour mixing skills to paint their own representation of a pig.

## Year 5:

This term has started by walking through a portal into the magical and mysterious world of Rumblestar. The children have been captivated by the story of Casper Tock helping to save the weather makers’ kingdom. In Geography, the weather theme continued as we explored weather around Europe, comparing and analysing the data on J2E. In PE, as well as focusing on fitness, we have been creating a dance to music representing thunder and blue sky. History and music is all about the Vikings this term, finding out about their influence on Britain today. In maths, we have enjoyed working with fractions, learnt about converting mixed numbers and improper fractions and now know how to add these numbers together. In writing, after finishing our portal story, we are learning how to write a discussion text.



The children matched the age to a child's developmental stage. Then they researched development in more detail and created a blog post about their findings.

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### Year 3:

This term in Year 3 we have been writing our own finding tales based on our new text 'The Secret Diary of Jane Pinny'. In maths the children have been converting between measures and have solved problems using this learning. In science, we have investigated the human body and how it works and have learned what a balanced diet looks like, exploring the different food groups. As historians we have identified the differences between the Victorian era and modern life, focusing on education, police and law and government. The children have enjoyed a variety of drama and freeze frame to demonstrate these changes. The children have been coding a helicopter in their computing lessons to travel around the UK, flying to different towns and cities using J2code.

**Year 4:** This term we have enjoyed diving into our new text 'Coming to England' by Floella Benjamin. We jetted off to the Caribbean during our book launch and created some wonderful costumes for our class Carnivals. We have so far this term written a wishing tale as one of the siblings in our text, as well as designing and making Caribbean cupcakes in our Design and Technology lessons.



During Science we have been looking at the digestive system. We have created our own digestive system using tights, plastic cups and zip lock bags. It was great fun, although some of the children didn't agree when the time came to look at what happens once food is digested. Finally in Maths we have been using written methods to multiply and divide.

### Year 1:

This term we have enjoyed our space theme and have been reading our new class text 'Rocket Mole'. The children have really enjoyed making rockets in Design and Technology. We have thought about how to make our rockets stronger and added different materials to improve them. In our Science lessons, we have been learning about materials and their properties. We have sorted materials and thought about why each material is used for objects we have found in the classroom. In Literacy, we have been writing finding stories. We chose a new character and wrote about their adventure into space. During our maths lessons, we have been working with numbers to 50. We have solved problems and counted forwards and backwards in 2s, 5s and 10s.



### Year 2:

This term we have enjoyed reading our new text The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark. We have a visit from Plop in our Reading lessons and we have written our own tales of fear. Next week we will begin our non fiction writing. We will learn about nocturnal animals and write a non chronological report.



In Maths we have done a super job learning the multiplication and division facts for the 2,5 and 10 times tables.

In our Mastery of Skills fun we have enjoyed learning about the United Kingdom. We can name the 4 different countries and found their capital cities. During our R.E lessons we have been investigating the religions, Christianity, Judaism and Islam and their Holy books.

### Whole School Attendance:

Our whole school attendance for the month of April at 92.85%. Individual classes are as follow:



FS2G—93.34%	FS2H —90.69	FS2R—92.42	YR1M—93.07%	YR1C—90.02%
YR1B—91.43%	YR2S—91.25%	YR2M—91.19%	YR2G—93.86%	YR3B—96.16%
YR3O—91.83%	YR3S—91.91%	YR4M—94.44%	YR4D— 96.36%	YR4H—90.89%
YR5R—95.32%	YR5P— 94.08%	YR5Q—95.32%	YR6BR—92.32%	YR6SR—95.63%
YR6C—83.08%				