



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:** Another busy Half Term. The school supported Remembrance Day both in school and with a service on the Sunday 12th November, which was well attended by staff and pupils. The school made £300 for the Poppy appeal. We have also had Odd Socks day in school linked to Anti – Bullying week. The children took part in Children In Need, the school raised a wonderful £1102.10. The children came dressed up and there was a school raffle. Thank you for your donations and to the PTA for all their support. In the Autumn Term the school sent teams to girls and boys football tournaments, cross country, tennis and badminton. The children are always exemplary at all events.

### *Dates for your Diary*

5th December— 12th December—Book Fair  
 7th December— Christmas Fair  
 8th—December—Christmas Jumper Day  
 18th December—FS1 Nativity  
 19th December—FS2 Nativity  
 20th December—Y1 Nativity  
 21st December—Y2 Nativity  
 22nd December— Christmas Lunch  
 22nd December— Last day of Term  
 9th January - Children back to school

#### Year 6:

In Year 6 this Half Term we have become masters of fractions! The children have learnt to add, subtract and multiply fractions — a skill which has helped them improve their 40 test scores. In Computing, the children have been exploring the crumble kits, coding lights and motors to move, in preparation for designing and building their own WW2 vehicles in our DT lessons. In Science, we have been looking at light and shadows. In Writing, the children have been exploring characterisation and how to use this to improve their work, whilst writing a journey story based on The Midnight Guardians.

#### Foundation Stage:

We have had a very busy start to the Half Term here in Foundation Stage Two. We have enjoyed learning about bonfire night, Diwali, Remembrance Day and of course Children in Need as well. The children have loved getting very creative and have made all sorts of wonderful creations, from fire work pictures to Rangoli patterns and poppies to Pudsey bear. We have also launched into our brand new story about a polar bear in the Arctic, we have started to explore the wonderful world of ice and even carried out our own experiments to rescue an animal trapped in the ice. In Foundation Stage One we have been thinking all about our wonderful weather and how weather changes day to day and across the year. We have been looking at weather forecasts and the symbols that are used to represent different types of weather. We started to create our own weather stories. We have even set up our own travel agency where the children can book to travel to a hot or a cold place and think about what you might need to pack in your suitcase.

#### Year 5:

This Half Term has been a busy one in Year 5. In Maths we have carried on with our fractions unit, which the children have taken in their stride. In Writing, Hal and Lenny's adventure has come to an end as the children have written their independent application, so many exciting stories to read! In Geography we 'travelled' the capital cities of the globe and learnt to calculate time differences. The children have created their own booklets of cities and countries. In Computing we have been coding various sequences for Crumble kits, including switches, buzzers and motors. Our gymnastic PE unit has been extremely successful, where the children have demonstrated their skills in travelling, balances and rolls. In RE we are very much looking forward to our education visit to find out about how Jesus brought peace to his believers, then in Science, we started our chemistry unit, learning about solutions and evaporation.

### Year 3:

This Half Term Year 3 having been enjoying reading and writing about robots in our English curriculum. We have read 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes and 'The Wild Robot' by Peter Brown. These stories have really fired the children's creativity. In Geography, we have learned to locate eight countries in Europe on a map – France, Germany, Spain, Italy, Greece, Iceland, Norway and Russia. I wonder if the children could show them to you on a map at home? Next up is our D&T, where we will be learning to knead dough and we will be making bread rolls. Who will get a Paul Hollywood style handshake from their teacher for their fantastic baking?

### Year 4:

This Half Term, we have enjoyed our DT lessons. We have designed, baked and decorated cupcakes! We had to decorate our cupcakes to our design brief, linking it to Harley Hitch.

In Maths, we have been measuring area of different shapes. We are moving onto multiplication and division. Year 4 will be learning the 6, 7, 9, 11 and 12 timetables. Amazingly, we were the top year group in the school during the TT Rockstars England Rocks tournament! Keep up the hard work!

In gymnastics, we have enjoyed practising rolling, balancing and flight which we then put together in a sequence and transferred onto apparatus. We are all very excited for swimming next month!

### Year 1:

In Literacy, we have really enjoyed completing work based around the book 'Poles Apart'. We have been writing a journey story about Mr White and the penguin family travelling around the world. We had fun thinking about the different countries that they might have visited.

In Geography, we have been finding out about the different seasons and what the weather is like in each season. We enjoyed our seasonal walk around the local area looking for signs of Autumn and we created our own weather charts. We have also thought about which clothes we would wear in each season.

We all loved our trip to the Deep! We had a great time looking at all of the animals and exploring the different areas of the aquarium. We also learnt a lot about how various animals stay alive during our workshop in the sea lab.

*Congratulations*  
to the **BLUE** House for  
winning the Cup this  
month!



### Year 2:

In Writing we have really enjoyed learning our new twisted tale 'The Three Horrid Wolves and the Big Friendly Pig'. This character flaw story had some very naughty and lazy wolves, who did not accept help from a friendly pig! We have now all written our own character flaw stories, changing our characters to some other naughty animals.

In Geography we have been learning about continents and oceans. We have used atlases and globes to locate these and then we labelled them independently.

In Maths we have just started our new unit on shapes. It has been exciting to learn some new 2D and 3D shapes that we had not heard of before! Soon we will be discussing their properties and sorting them.

**Whole School Attendance: Target attendance is above 97%.**

**Our whole school attendance to-date for this year is 95.7%. Individual classes are as follows:**

FS2R— 96.4%	FS2G— 94.6%	FS2M— 94.1%	YR1A— 94.0%	YR1C— 96.3%	YR1T— 96.1%
YR2S/M — 96.6 %	YR2D— 95.2%	YR2M— 95.4%	YR3B— 94.9%	YR3Q— 95.8%	YR3S— 97.5%
YR4B— 95.2%	YR4P— 96.1%	YR4M— 97.3%	YR5K— 96.6%	YR5C— 97.5%	YR5R— 94.1%
YR6R— 96.9%	YR6HB— 92.3%	YR6W— 96.8%			