

King Edwin Primary School

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Parental Information

Please read the important information below in order to properly prepare your child for the new school year - September 2018.

Welcome to Year 5!

Year 5 is the penultimate year in Key Stage 2!

The Staff working within Year 5 are:

- Teachers – Mr Bandy (Assistant headteacher, Apple Teacher) & Mr Lewis (PE Co-ordinator)
- Support Staff – Mrs Glover

Each half term has a specific topic focus and we try to find the answer to an initial question through our studies. The topic focuses on different subject areas that are taught in a creative and cross-curricular way that also encompass our Literacy skills. The teaching of Computing is incorporated across the curriculum, providing children with opportunities to use the internet for research, to write and test simple computer programmes and to present their work in a variety of ways. The chart below indicates the main focus for each half term with our initial question. Each question will then be broken down into smaller questions and these will be sent home for you to see.



Autumn 2018		Spring 2019		Summer 2019	
1	2	1	2	1	2
Would you be a Viking?	Will we ever send another human to the moon?	Could you be a part of it; New York, New York...?	Why is Nottinghamshire such a cool place to live?	What came first the chicken or the egg?	Has Greece always been in the News?
History focus	Science focus	Geography focus	Geography focus	Science/PSHE focus	History focus

Routines:

School begins at 9am and finishes at 3:15pm.

Teachers are available to talk to if something important needs to be discussed and will be in their classrooms or may be on duty **from** 8:50am. If you require a longer period of time to talk to the teacher, please arrange an appointment convenient to you both.

If a different person will be collecting your child from school (even if this is a family member) please let a staff member know or call the office if this is a last minute arrangement. **WE WILL NOT ALLOW YOUR CHILD HOME WITH ANYONE IF WE HAVEN'T BEEN TOLD, EVEN IF WE KNOW THIS PERSON.**

Water is available for the children to drink throughout the day. Water bottles can be purchased from the school office or you can bring a bottle in from home, but we ask that it is water and not juice that it is filled with. Water bottles will be sent home on a Friday to be washed over the weekend and then returned to school on Monday.

The children will receive homework in a 'bingo' style format. Each activity will relate to what the children are learning and they can choose which activities they would like to complete and when. Children who complete their homework will be rewarded for each piece they do and will receive an extra special reward if they complete them all within the half term, achieving a 'full house'. In addition, weekly spellings will be sent home, based upon the spelling 'pattern/rule' of each week. However, there will not be a spelling test each week, but a spelling assessment at the end of each half term of the words learnt during the period.

Children are also encourage to continue using DoodleMaths (free app) and Purple Mash to help consolidate learning at home. DoodleMath Times Tables should be used to consolidate times tables as the expectation is ALL children should know the multiplication tables by the end of year 4..

Our school twitter page ([@kingedwisch](https://twitter.com/kingedwisch)) is a great way of getting to see some of the fabulous work that your child does in school. The bingo homework, letters and updates will also be placed on our school website, so it is worth checking regularly.



English:

The children are taught English in their class groups. Throughout the year, the children are presented with numerous opportunities to read and write a variety of genres. The skills learnt in English lessons are rehearsed regularly in writing opportunities across the curriculum, linked specifically to our topic work.

Children are expected to write in a neat style with letters formed correctly and resting on the lines. We will have weekly handwriting sessions to practise this (probably as a morning activity – before school starts). **See the year group expectation for more information.**

Reading

Reading books at home is something the pupils should be experiencing every single day. We ask that parents read with their children daily and record this in their reading diaries. Please also talk about their reading book to ensure they have a good understanding of what they have read. Please use the word lists in the diaries to practise reading sight words. Please have a good look within the reading diary as lots of reading and spelling activities are suggested.

Your child will be able to change their school reading book when they have read their book and this has been recorded in their diary. Please ensure your child's reading book and diary come to school every day as they may read with adults and reading buddies.

Serial Mash (Purple Mash platform), is another great way to encourage children to read. It also provides some follow on activities, involving questions and sequencing. Every child has a Purple Mash account.

Maths:

An important aspect of Mathematics is being able to work mentally. It is also important that children know their multiplication tables as well as various calculation strategies. **See the year group expectation for more information.**

The school is also an Nrich Ambassador (Lead by Mr Bandy), so parents are encouraged to use the nrich website (www.nrich.org) with their children to help them develop mathematical resilience and problem-solving skills in a fun way.

School is also part of the Doodle Maths platform, which can be downloaded as a free app. Recently, school has sent out a Summer challenge... A great way to help keep your child's brain active over the summer!



Expectations on behaviour and attendance

At King Edwin Primary School, we set very high expectations with regards to behaviour and respect throughout the whole school. Last year, as a community, we successfully implemented the 'High Five' values. Following these values are vital in the children becoming 'KingEdWINNERS' and rounded members of society. Our values are: Respect, Determination, Good Choices, Excellence and Creativity.

The attendance of all pupils in school on every single day is vitally important – if pupils aren't in school, they can't learn. Please ensure all pupils are at school for 9.00am. In the case of absence, please ring school as soon as possible outlining the reasons why. We view 'Good' attendance as 98%, which is above the national average.

Please note all attendance records are monitored closely and reports may be sent out to parents/other agencies in the case of persistent absences. If your child has had a sickness bug, please keep your child at home for at least 24 hours after the last bout of sickness/diarrhoea.

How can you help your child at home?

- Read daily with your child and record it in their reading diary, this doesn't always have to be their school book.
- Learning multiplication and corresponding division facts.
- Practise reading and spelling Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 words (in the back of the reading diary).
- Encourage your child to be more independent.
- Learn with them by completing their 'Bingo' homework activities

Please do read our year group expectations for English and Mathematics to see how you can help with these at home.

Parent Helpers

We greatly appreciate any time you can offer to come in and support us in school, even if it is an hour! If you are able to come in and give us a hand, we would love to hear from you.

We look forward to working with you and your child for an exciting year in Year 5!

