



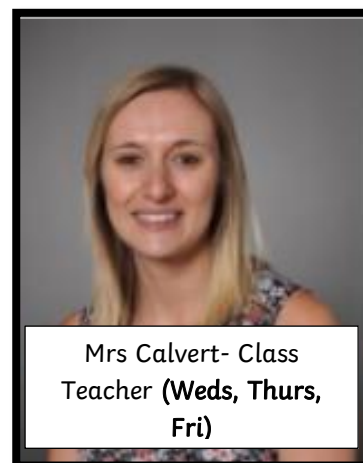
Kingsthorpe Village Primary School Curriculum Newsletter

2026

Reception Autumn term

Welcome to the first Reception newsletter. We hope that these will keep you informed about what the children are learning at school in order to help you to support their learning at home. We also hope that this gives you an idea of how the children's experiences relate to each area of learning in the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum.

We have been working hard to create a stimulating and interesting Early Years environment and have planned activities and experiences which we hope will encourage the children to try new activities and make new friends in their first term of school life.



Mrs Calvert- Class
Teacher (Weds, Thurs,
Fri)



Mrs Soldano- Class
Teacher
(Mon, Tue)



Miss Brennan-
Teaching Assistant



Mrs Spanswick-
Teaching Assistant

Expressive Art and Design (Specific area)

We will be:

- Building a repertoire of popular songs and rhymes, as well as learning songs related to Autumn and Harvest
- Drawing self-portraits and creating their own artwork using natural materials found on our Autumn walks
- Learning how to access equipment and materials independently in order for them to make their own decisions about the artwork they create

Personal, Social and Emotional Development (Prime)

We will be:

- Developing relationships, resilience and making friendships.
- Learning about our school routines and the rules we must follow to keep us safe.
- Talking about teamwork and responsibility at tidy up time.
- Thinking about how we can be a good friend to others

Communication and Language (prime area) and Literacy (specific area)

We will be:

- Learning to recognise and write our own names
- Starting a daily phonics lesson to learn about the sounds that letters make and how to form these letters correctly
- Thinking about the initial sound in words and writing these letters down to label our drawings, write shopping lists in the home corner etc
- Reading a range of books to encourage children to talk about themselves and their families and friendships.
- We will use children's love of all things spooky and magical to stimulate learning around the time of Halloween by looking at the stories 'Room on the Broom' and 'Pumpkin Soup'
- Leading up to Christmas we will doing lots of work around the story 'Stick Man'

Physical Development (Prime area)

We will be:

- Developing the children's fine motor skills through activities such as playdough, threading, tweezers and a range of mark making activities to build up the muscle strength required for writing
- Discussing the importance of handwashing and developing rigorous handwashing routines before snack and lunchtime and after using the toilet.
- Looking at how germs are spread using glitter and learning about the importance of good hygiene practices.
- Learning to use our outdoor physical equipment safely

Mathematics (Specific area)

Autumn 1	Autumn 2
<i>Getting to Know you! Just like me! (whiterose)</i> • Matching, sorting and comparing amounts. • Pattern. • More/fewer • 2D shape recognition • Pattern	<i>Its me 1,2,3 and Light and dark</i> • Representing & composition 1,2,3,4,5 • Circles and triangles • Spatial awareness. • 1 more and 1 less • Shapes with 4 sides. • Night and day.

Understanding the World (Specific)

We will be:

- Observing changes in our natural world by going on an Autumn walk and collecting items for our artwork
- Celebrating the Hindu festival of 'Diwali'
- Talking about ourselves and our families during circle time discussions
- Exploring our 5 senses.

Spare Clothes

It is useful for your child to have a bag containing a spare set of clothes in case of a toilet accident or getting wet/dirty during outdoor play. This could include a top, bottoms, underwear and socks which do not have to be school uniform. Please could you make sure that these items are also named and are kept on your child's coat peg in a separate bag.

Website

This newsletter can also be found on our school website.
<http://www.kingsthorpevps.co.uk/>
If you click on the 'Parent information' tab and then 'Class pages' you will be able to access the termly newsletter as well as useful links to support learning at home.

School uniform

Please ensure **all** items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name. This includes shoes, coats, jumpers, t-shirts, trousers and skirts. If your child's clothing is not labelled we cannot guarantee it will come back if lost.

Snack

The children will receive a piece of fruit or veg each day for free which is provided by the government scheme. If you would like your child to bring their own snack, please can you bring one piece or a small pot with their name on. Please can you label all pots and containers that are sent in for children's snack.

PE

Our PE slot is on a Thursday afternoon.

For the first term we will be practising taking our shoes and socks off and going into the hall. We will be focussing on the rules and routines of a PE lesson before getting changed, therefore a PE kit will not be needed until requested.

Tapestry

We love to see any learning that you do at home e.g. spotting numbers on a walk and perfecting a new skill. Please upload anything exciting you have done with your child on tapestry.

We are very excited about beginning this learning journey with you and your children and look forward to getting to know you all.

Mrs Calvert and Mrs Soldano