



Kew College Prep

Potential unlocked.

CURRICULUM OUTLINE AUTUMN TERM 2026 - YEAR 1

English	Phonics: Consolidate sounds taught in Nursery and Reception; introducing alternative ways of writing these sounds. Learning letter names and sounds. Handwriting: Consolidating letter shapes, with emphasis on accurate orientation and starting and finishing in the correct place. Grammar: Introduction to nouns, verbs and adjectives. Individual and Guided Reading: Begin to have an automatic recognition of the first 100 High Frequency Words. Applying known sounds to decode unknown words. Weekly Guided Reading. Creative Writing: Topic is 'Into the Woods' with a focus on nature themed stories. Develop descriptive writing skills, applying knowledge of sounds to make phonetically plausible attempts at words. Accurate use of capital letters, full stops and finger spaces, and developing confidence to write independently.
Maths	Numbers to 50: ordering and counting forwards and backwards. Addition and subtraction calculations using practical resources including cubes and number lines. Consolidate number bonds to 10, place-value and problem-solving. Shape: recognising, describing and sorting 2D and 3D shapes.
Science	Seasons and Weather: Exploring the seasons and the changes that occur. Animals: Identifying a variety of common living things including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals.
ICT	Digital Citizenship: Identifying the use and dangers of technology as well as identifying appropriate behaviours in ICT and understanding media balance. Essential Skills: Mouse control and navigation skills. Introduction to keyboard recognition and touch-typing. Data Analysis: Collecting and representing data digitally, including using data to create graphs and charts.
Geography	Our Local Area: Mapping our school and classroom. Exploring the different types of homes and shops in Kew.
RSE	Health and Wellbeing: making an emergency phone call, learning about healthy and unhealthy foods and identifying a range of emotions
French	Practising vocabulary and structures through songs, games, role plays and lots of repetition. Topics include colours, numbers, animals, weather, classroom objects and greetings as well as classroom instructions and family.
Music	'Musical Elements' (core values of music). Learning to play xylophones independently: the core skills of listening, composing, performing, and analysing music are embedded into every lesson. Children learn to 'play by colour' as they understand xylophone notes and musical notation. Independent and duet work is a central focus with this new instrument. Special event preparation through singing: Harvest, Black History Month, Remembrance. Latter half of the term is focused on their end of term Nativity performance.
Art	Four Seasons: looking at examples of paintings by Vincent Van Gogh. Developing drawing, painting and collage skills. Life at night: Creating artwork inspired by fireworks, the phases of the moon and nocturnal animals.
PE	Games: Playground games and various types of relays using a variety of sports equipment. Developing throwing and catching skills. The importance of warming up and developing co-operation skills. Gymnastics: Developing rolls and sequence work. Dance The Weather and Toys' Children learn about the weather elements including rain, snow and wind through basic movements to music, performing and building a simple themed dance in small groups. The topic changes to Toys in the latter half. Whole-class routines are learnt for special events, including Black History Month and their class nativity
RE	Exploring a variety of places of worship and understanding why these places are sacred. Learn about the Nativity and take part in their own Nativity performance.