

KIRTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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YEAR 1

June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the summer term in Year 1 at Kirton Primary School. This term will bring lots of new and exciting challenges to your child's learning experience.

Our Topic

Term 6: Pandas, Penguins and Elephants.

Our topic this term is '*Pandas, Penguins and Elephants*.' Throughout this topic, we will be looking closely at where our favourite animals live, focusing on the five continents. We will continue to develop our map reading skills and in doing so will improve our locational knowledge. Whilst studying the world and its continents, we will be paying attention to weather, plant life and the human and physical landscape of the place. We will also consider why it is a suitable habitat for the animals that live there and the possible dangers the animals face.

In science, we will deepen our understanding of animals by continuing to look closely at them. We will learn about a variety of familiar and less familiar animals, including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. We will learn about different animals' diets and what they need to eat to survive. We will be able to use and understand the terms 'carnivore', 'herbivore' and 'omnivore' to help us describe an animals diet.

Maths and English

In maths lessons, children will be learning about, addition, subtraction, properties of shapes, multiplication, division, fractions and measurement of time.

In order to support your child, you could practise counting in multiples of 2, 5 and 10 by using the attached bingo cards. Who will be the first to call Bingo? Don't forget to tell us if they win! Alongside this, reciting the 2, 5 and 10 times table in various orders will support the development of instant recall. It would really support your child if they were confident with their times tables. This will help them in all areas of

maths. This term your child needs to learn the 5 times table.

In English, we will be studying the book 'Dadaji's Paintbrush' by Rashmi Sirdeshpande and 'Julian is a Mermaid' by Jessica Love. During our English lessons, children will have the opportunity to explore the books in great detail and become familiar with the text. In order to support your child, they could invent a character and write a speech bubble of something that character would say. Why don't you have a go at 'natural painting' just like in the story of 'Dadaji's Paintbrush', by using natural materials to create a piece of art (please find attached instructions).

The spellings your child will be learning this term can be accessed through our school website; it would be really useful if you could help your child to learn these spellings.

Please encourage your child to read at home every day and ask them questions about what they are reading at every opportunity. We aim to change books regularly.

Warmer weather

As the weather is getting warmer, children will begin to bring hats into school. Please ensure that these are clearly named. Sunscreen should be applied at home before coming to school. Your child may bring a water bottle to school. Please ensure the bottle is clearly named and only contains **water**.

PE

Year 1 P.E. days are on a Tuesday and Friday.

Please ensure your child has the appropriate PE kit. For outdoor games, the children need plain black/navy tracksuit bottoms, a plain white t-shirt, a plain sweatshirt and trainers. For indoor PE, the children need plain black/navy shorts and a plain white t-shirt. Every item needs to be clearly labelled and in a bag that will remain in school every day. Kits will be taken home

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to be washed at the end of each term. No items should be taken home during the term.

Important Dates

02.06.25 – First day of Term 6

23.06.25 – Sports Day

W/C 09.07.25 – Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

11.07.25 – Lincoln Zoo Trip

14.07.25 – Reports to be sent home this week

18.07.25 – Summer Gala 3:30 – 5:00pm

22.07.25 – Last day of Term 6

02.09.25 – First day of Term 1

Yours sincerely

Miss Wells

Mrs Lewis

Mrs Ilsley

Mrs Brine

Year One Teachers

HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING THIS TERM:

Key things that parents can do to support their child this term related to things they will be learning about:

- **Useful websites:**

- Phonics Play <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/resources/phase/5>
- Hit the button <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>
- What's the time Mr Wolf? <https://tpet.co.uk/mr-wolf/>
- Animal habitats <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zx882hv?scrllybrkr=386ac8aa>

- **Things to make:**

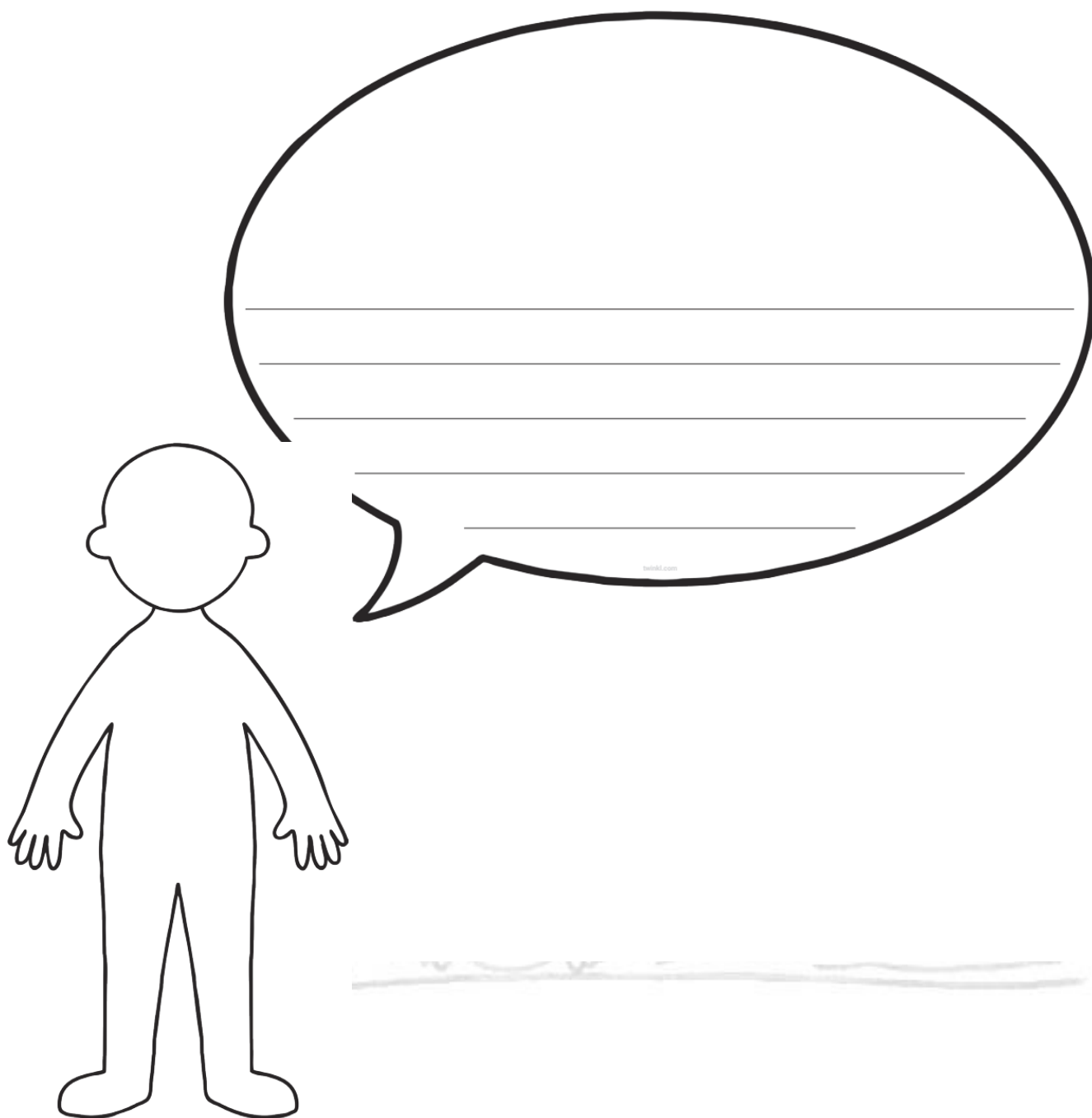
- Make your own natural paintbrush and get creative (instructions attached)
- Multiplication bingo (bingo boards attached)

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Design a story book character and write a speech bubble.





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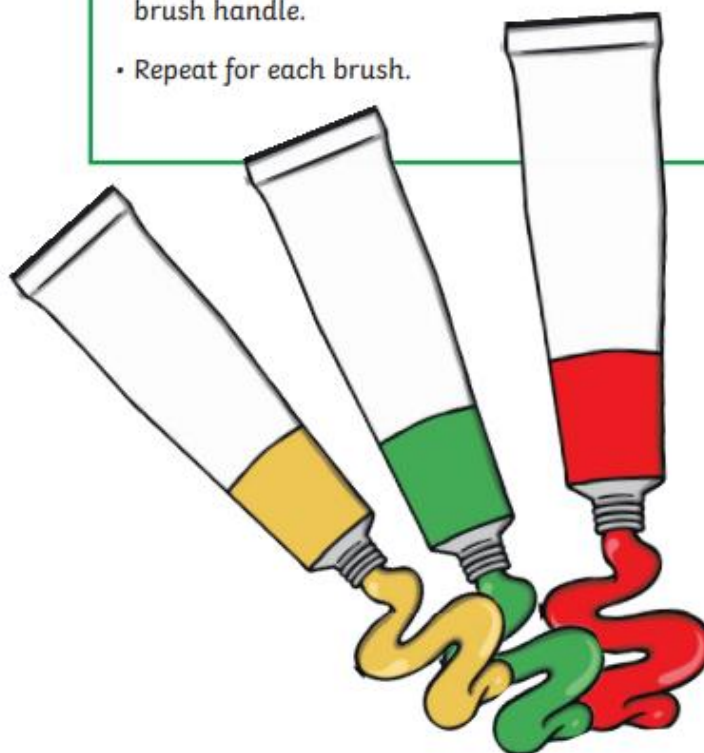
Make Your Own Nature Paintbrush

You will need:

- small bunches of natural materials to use as bristles
- five firm sticks to use as the brush handles
- elastic bands and sticky tape
- paint
- paper

Instructions:

- Collect several handfuls of different types of twigs, flowers, leaves and grasses of different textures to use as brush heads. The more varied the textures the better. You'll need a separate type for each brush you want to make.
- Collect sticks to use as the paintbrush handles.
- Use the elastic bands to attach the natural resources to the end of each stick to make 'bristles'. Use sticky tape if needed to reinforce.
- Trim the ends of your 'bristles' so they are similar lengths but don't cut too close to the brush handle.
- Repeat for each brush.





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Multiples of 2 Bingo Card

2	8	10
12	20	18
0	4	16

Multiples of 2 Bingo Card

24	22	20
10	12	16
2	4	6

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24	10	8
2	6	14
18	0	22

Multiples of 5 Bingo Card

0	5	15
25	60	55
20	50	10



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Multiples of 5 Bingo Card

40	10	25
5	15	35
45	50	0

Multiples of 5 Bingo Card

50	20	25
60	45	55
5	0	10

Multiples of 10 Bingo Card

40	20	90
30	100	110
80	50	0

Multiples of 10 Bingo Card

40	10	50
60	70	90
100	110	20

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Multiples of 10 Bingo Card

50	20	70
90	110	120
0	30	40

