

KIRTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

TERM 1 NEWSLETTER 2025



Year 1

September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

We would like to welcome you to the start of a new academic year. The children have already settled in well and are very busy with their daily timetables.

Our Topic

Term 1: Amazing me!

Our topic this term is 'Amazing Me' and we will be discussing memories, the human body and our surroundings. Children will explore similarities and differences between their own lives and those of people their grandparents' age. We will be paying particular attention to what life would have been like in the 1950s and 1960s, focusing on different topics, including homes, toys, shops and schools. The children will experience video blogs from the local community who will share their experiences with them. The children will have opportunities to ask questions to further their interests and understanding. At the end of Term 1, the children will celebrate the end of their first topic by holding a 1950's day. Year 1 will be encouraged to spend the day experiencing what life may have been like in the 1950's.

Maths and English

In maths lessons, children will be learning about: *number and place value, addition and subtraction, properties of shapes and measurements of lengths and heights.*

In order to support your child, you could practise recognition of numbers to 20, number formation and simple additions to 10 using concrete objects. Please find attached a number recognition game to support your child's mathematical development. Don't forget to tell us if you are the winner!

To continue your child's EYFS learning of counting in multiples, it would really support your child if they were confident with their times tables. This would help

them in all areas of maths. This term your child needs to learn the *two times table*.

In order to support your child, you could access 'Hit the button', a website designed to support recognition of the times tables. YouTube also offer a wide variety of times tables songs, in school we find these are particularly useful for memorising the multiplication number facts. We also have our own times tables songs on our school website. You will find these under the 'children' tab on the home page. Supporting this, you can also access the read, say, cover, write, check grids to practise the two times tables on the school's website.

In English, we will be exploring the books 'Cave Baby' by Julia Donaldson and 'Astro Girl' by Ken Wilson-Max.

We will be retelling stories using props and costumes, writing labels and captions for pictures, composing a letter from Cave Baby's point of view, creating fact files about Space, and exploring the differences between fiction and non-fiction.

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. These will also be sent home every Friday for the following weeks spelling test. 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.

PE

This term, our PE days are a Tuesday and a Friday. Please ensure that 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, 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

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

Yours sincerely

Reading Books

We ask that children's reading books and reading records are returned to school daily so we can share their successes in their reading record.

Water in school

Your child may bring a water bottle to school. Please ensure the bottle is clearly named and only contains water

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:

- **Visit the:**
 - Library - To research Space
 - The park - To experiment with what your body can do.
- **Useful websites:**
 - Phonics - <http://www.letters-and-sounds.com/what-is-letters-and-sounds.html>
 - Maths - <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>
 - Science - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z6882hv/articles/z3cyn9q>
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- **Things to make:**
 - Maths – number recognition board game (attached)
 - Make a cave for Cave Baby using recycled materials. (See ideas below)

Important Dates

02.09.25 – First day of Term 1
16.09.25 – Photographer in school
23.09.25 – Flu Immunisations
14.10.25 – Parents' evening 3.30-6.30pm
15.10.25 – Parents' evening 3.30-5pm
17.10.25 – Last day of Term 1
03.11.25 – First day of Term 2

Yours sincerely

Mrs Brine

Mrs Ilsley

Miss Alliston

Year 1 Class Teachers

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Using recycled materials from around your home can you make a new cave for Cave Baby?

Here are some ideas!

Don't forget to bring your model in to show your teacher or send a photograph of this to enquiries@kirton-boston.lincs.sch.uk for your teacher to see.



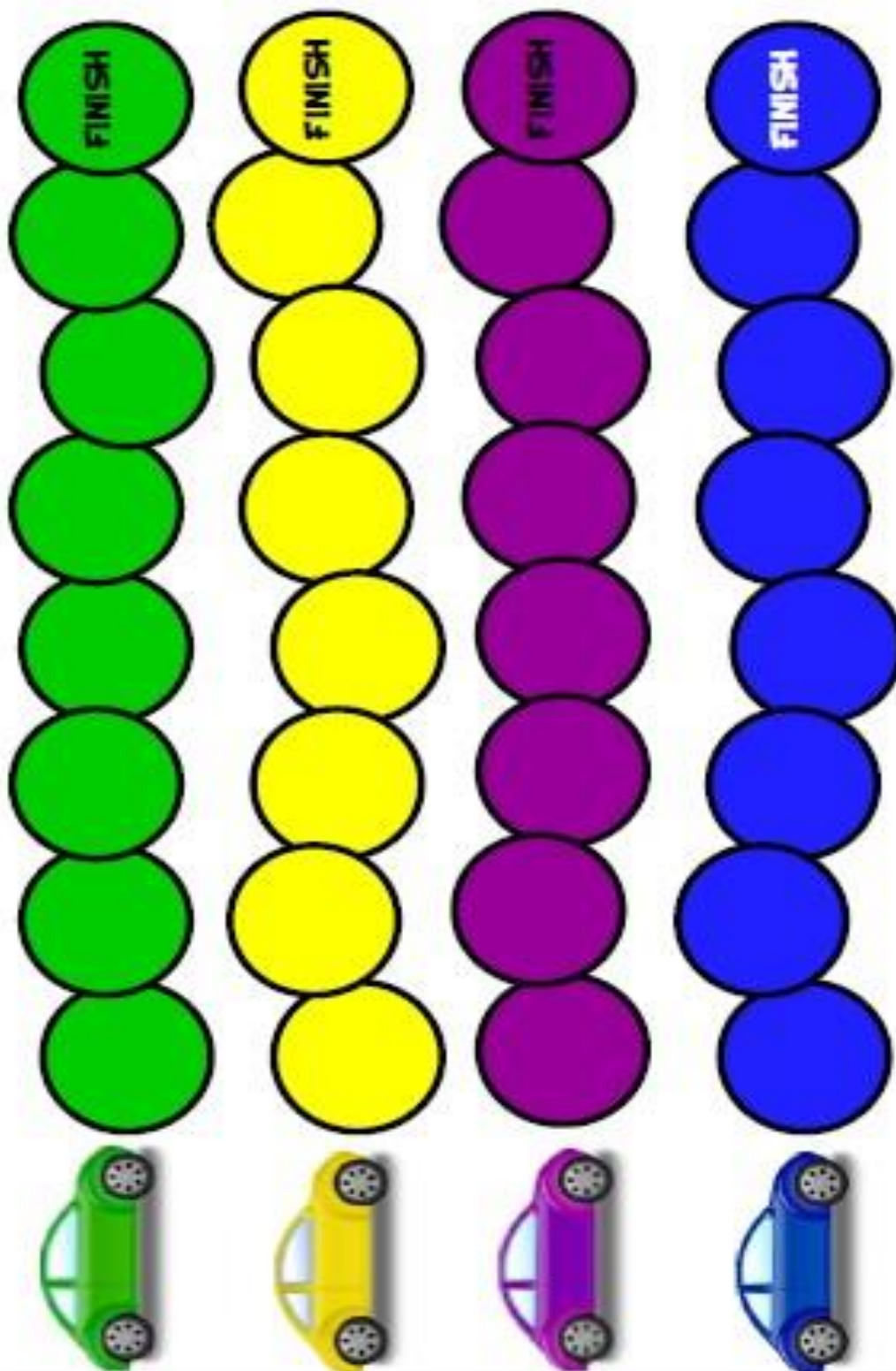


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RACING CARS

a game for 2-4 players

Spread out the chosen cards face down beside the Game Board. Each player chooses a car and puts a marker on it. Each player turns over a card and says the number. Decide who has the largest number. The player with the largest number moves their counter to the next space. Return the cards and mix them up. Repeat until one player reaches the FINISH.





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You will need these number cards to play the 'Racing Cars' game.