



Welcome back everyone, I hope you have all had a wonderful summer! I am sure you are all very excited to return to school as Year 6s and now a member of Cougars' class. I am sure we are going to have a fantastic first term to the year and I am very much looking forward to being with you all back in class again, for hopefully, a more normal school year. For many of you, your final year at Kedington will likely bring lots of mixed emotions, but I assure you that I will support you every step of the way and will endeavour to make your final year as enjoyable as possible. Mrs Weaver

School day

Our school day times are to arrive between 8.35am - 8.40am and leaving between 3.15pm - 3.20pm.

What are we learning?

Reading – This term we will begin by exploring the text 'All Aboard the Empire Windrush' by Jillian Powell and the haunting picture book 'The Island' by Armin Greder before delving into the incredible narrative 'Oliver Twist' by Charles Dickens.

English – We are going to be examining and writing lots of different text types. We will start by looking at autobiographies and discursive writing, followed by explanatory texts and first-person stories. Then towards the end of term, we will explore some poetry and Shakespeare.

Maths – We will be starting the autumn term by looking at integers and decimals, followed by multiplication and division. We shall continue to revisit prior learning in our daily 'Remember Now' questions, in addition to our weekly arithmetic paper.

Curriculum – We have lots of exciting learning ahead of us. In our weekly science lessons, we will begin by studying the unit 'Living things and their habitats.' Our first curriculum unit will be history, where we will be exploring the 'Windrush' unit, followed by comparing the UK, the rest of Europe and North America in our geography unit. For their Art/DT lessons, they will continue to develop their skills of drawing, painting and collage, as well as creating structures and mechanisms. In music, they will begin exploring rhythms, and in computing they will start looking at online safety, alongside their weekly PSHE lessons. The children will also continue to have weekly RE and French lessons.

PE

On the days the children have PE, **Tuesdays and Thursdays**, the children will now come into school in their PE kit and remain in their kit for the day. This will ensure we can maximise learning opportunities and spend less time in the school day getting changed.

Home learning

Home learning and spellings will continue to be uploaded via Showbie on Friday mornings and will be collected the following Friday morning. I will upload: an English task, a maths task, spellings and a curriculum knowledge organiser to revise. In addition to this, the children will be expected to read for approximately 20 minutes every evening and practise TTRS at least three times during the week.

It is very important that the children develop their organisational skills and ensure home learning is completed on time. The home learning workload will increase gradually throughout the school year to better prepare them for secondary school.

Reading logs

It is so fantastic that we have some Word Millionaires within our class already, but I am so excited to see how many of our class can achieve this award by the end of the year.

It is very important that the children read EVERY day! PLEASE encourage your children to continue reading and if you have a spare five minutes, give them a listen. The children will be beginning to bring their reading logs to and from home daily, it would be fantastic for these to be utilised again.

Messages and contact

I'm still on ClassDojo if you need me. I try my best to see them as often as possible, but chances are, I may not reply until break times or after school.