



**Kedington
Primary
Academy**

Jamaica Class

Spring Newsletter



Welcome back everyone, I hope you have all had a wonderful winter break! Let's make sure we have a fantastic term together picking right back up where we left off before Christmas. I am sure that many of you may be feeling a little worried about SATs examinations at the start of next term, but I assure you that if you continue to work hard this term, both in and out of school, you will achieve to the best of your abilities.

School day

Our school day times are to arrive at 8.35am and leaving at 3.15pm.

What are we learning?

Reading – We will be looking at three different texts this term, starting with the wonderful text ‘Dare to be You’ by Mathew Syed. This is book encourages children to find their own way in life and celebrate differences. We will then progress onto looking at another brilliant, illustrated novel in ‘The Island’ by Armin Greder. Finally, we will read through the excellent novel ‘Skellig’ by David Almond.

English – In our English lessons this term the children will get the opportunity to have a go developing their skills in writing a third person adventure story and a News report. They will then also get to reuse some of the skills last term and write a second version of the following text types, which the children had their first attempt at before Christmas: First person stories, explanatory texts, autobiographies.

Maths – In Maths, we will be progressing on from our weekly arithmetic learning, however we will still have our weekly arithmetic assessment. We will now go on to focus on new learning.

Curriculum – We have lots of exciting learning ahead of us. In our weekly science lessons, where will continue looking at the circulatory system. Our next history unit will focus on the Windrush Generation, while our first geography unit is a comparison study between the UK and Jamaica. For their Art lessons, your children will be working on print making and textiles, as well as creating 3D artwork, and in DT, we will be looking at creating structures. Our computing lessons for this term will now focus on handling data. The children will also continue to have weekly RE, PSHE and French lessons.

PE

On the days the children have PE, **Tuesdays and Thursdays**, the children will continue to 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. Please ensure your child sticks to the correct PE uniform policy.

Home learning

This term the children will be continuing to work through the homework books taken home before the Christmas holidays. All the children have a physical copy of a timetable for each of the homework areas: Maths, Reading, Grammar Punctuation & Spelling. In addition to this each timetable can be found on Showbie and shows which pages need to be completed each week. We will continue to mark homework each Friday and children are expected to bring in evidence of completed work each week. This could be uploaded images of the completed pages on Showbie or by bringing the physical homework books in with them.

If there is a particular topic that you are finding difficult then you can let me know and we can go through it together. Furthermore, we will have a book in the class where you can write down a page and question number and either myself or Mrs Bush will be more than happy to go over this with you.

Reminders

Please ensure that the children bring their reading book, reading log, coat, iPad & pen, and a water bottle into school each day. Please can we also ensure that children's clothing is labelled as much as possible as our lost property builds quite frequently. Thank you.

Messages and contact

I am on Class Dojo if you need me. I try my best to see them as often as possible and reply when I can. Please be mindful if the message is required for the office OR me, not both.