



## Jamaica Class Notes for Parents

Summer 2018



Welcome back! We hope that you have had lovely break and are ready to come back to school. These are some of the themes and units of work that we are tackling this coming term.

### Overall themes

This term our Topic will be 'Our Wonderful World' and we will be linking our Literacy, Geography and Art lessons to that theme alongside other curriculum areas.

### Class Assembly

Our class assembly will be on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2018**.

### Literacy

We will be using a range of fiction and non-fiction texts to delve further into our theme, including traditional stories and non-chronological reports. In each unit we will develop our reading, writing and speaking and listening skills. Spellings will be an important part of our learning and each week spellings will be focussed around a particular phoneme or phonemes. The children have had their spellings sent home. The spellings will be tested on **Mondays**. The spellings will also include some key words to learn. Each child will have their reading log which should be written in three times in the week and I will write in it on a **Thursday**. Guided Reading will also happen throughout the week and in these sessions children will be reading texts that teach them inference, deduction, reading strategies, vocabulary exploration and the content of fiction and non fiction books, it will be based at their level and encourage progress within their reading.

### Maths

We will continue to work on the key principles of number including the place value, four operations, fractions, data handling skills, shape and space, measures, and number problems. We will have a real focus on the application of these skills to solving new problems. We are aware that some of our methods of teaching Maths may not be the same as yours, but we will try to include working examples to demonstrate.

### Science

Our science topic will be Living Things and their Habitats and Plants. We will be looking at the habitats of different animals across the world, and we will link our Geography to this topic too. We will continue to develop our enquiry skills by asking and answering simple questions and performing simple tests.

### PE including swimming

This term, PE will be on a **Tuesday**. Please ensure your child has the correct, named PE kit for indoor and outdoor sessions. The PE kit should be in school every day and remain until half term. Our swimming lessons will be on **Mondays and Wednesdays** so please ensure your child has a full swimming kit on these days. If your child has pierced ears, then the earrings must be removed for the day unless your child can remove their own earrings. Please apply sun cream, first thing in the morning. A hat is required for those with hair longer than shoulder length and verruca socks are available at school. If your child needs goggles, please send a letter giving your consent.

### Computing

The children will be working on the use of computers and the internet to locate, display and organise information. We will continue to talk about internet safety and the importance of keeping ourselves safe online.

### Homework

Your child's spellings for the first half term have been put into their home-school notebook. These will be tested on a **Monday**. Homework will be set on a **Friday** and needs to be completed by the following Friday and handed in to be marked. It will support our theme and link closely with the curriculum we are delivering. The expectation is that this should be the same standard as in lessons. Homework should take no longer than half an hour; further details will be in their home school notebooks.

### Assessment week

We will be carrying out the Year 2 statutory assessments during the week of 7<sup>th</sup> May 2018. There isn't any need to mention to the children that this is SAT's assessment week. We will be treating it as a normal school week and they will be presented with this as a normal activity. We would like the children to get to the end of the week and not know that they have completed the SAT's.

There will be a **Year 2 SATs meeting for parents on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 3:30pm** in Jamaica classroom. Please come along to hear about the format of the papers and how they will be delivered.

### School trip

We will be going on a trip next half term. More details will be given in plenty of time to prepare for this.

Thank you for all of your support so far. We urge you to get in touch if you have any problems or concerns, no matter how small and insignificant you think they are. We look forward to working with you on the next step in their education.

Kind Regards,

Miss Blackburn