



# Class Jamaica Termly Newsletter

## Summer Term 2017



### Class News

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a great Easter and ate lots of chocolate! This term our learning topic will be very much focused on Science, Geography and Design Technology. Our topic is based around humans, animals and the wonderful world we live in, as set out in the curriculum map attached. The ultimate aim of this exciting topic is to inspire a curiosity in our pupils around the world they live in a give them an opportunity to investigate, observe and learn in a practical independent way. As always, if you feel you can enrich this topic in any way for our wonderful class, please come in and speak to me.

### Reading Diaries

Daily reading is a fundamental part of our homework, along with weekly English, Maths and reading; please record any home reading in your child's reading diary. Regular reading helps to develop a variety of skills and the school recommends home reading should take place at least five times a week at home with an adult.

### Maths

Year 4 pupils are now expected to know and recall up to the 12 times table. With this in mind it would be greatly appreciated if your child could be encouraged to practise at home as well as school to help ensure we meet these expectations. Please see the useful websites on the curriculum map. In class Jamaica, we will continue to recall and reinforce these essential number facts in a variety of fun and exciting ways. Why not ask your child about the tunes timetables?

I hope you find this information useful. I will be available on the playground before and after school each day. Please do not hesitate to catch me if you have any questions. Thank you for your ongoing support,  
Mr Swain.

### Homework

There will be no changes to the current set up of homework this term. Please be assured that any task sent home for homework is designed to extend or consolidate the work the children have done in class.  
**Maths/English/Reading** - One piece set per week, this will typically be given out on a Friday and handed in the following Thursday. Please read the information carefully and complete parent grid. Children are encouraged to speak to me about any issues with homework, well in advance of the hand in.  
**Weekly spellings** - taught throughout the week in school and where possible to be practised at home. As usual these will be placed in the reading diaries.

### PE

This coming term brings a wealth of additional experiences in PE including a dance coach from Arts NK who will lead us in African dance. Until the end of the year PE will take place where possible, on a Tuesday and Wednesday, however it is very important that each child has the correct kit in school throughout the week as this may change due to inclement weather or other events. If your child is unable to take part in a PE activity, please send a note into school; during PE lessons it is an expectation that all long hair must be tied back and earrings removed.