



Kingsmead Primary School

Information for Parents / Carers

Date: November 2023 Class: River Severn Teachers: Jane & Maggie TA: Aisha

English - We are excited that this half term will see our first long chapter book, and that it's 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' by Roald Dahl. We start the term with inventing our own stories and delving into 'The Great Kapok Tree' by Lynne Cherry, to accompany our Rainforest Topic. We also look at non-fiction texts about the Rainforest. We will continue to build our new skills in paragraphing and punctuating direct speech. The spelling and phonics programmes will continue to run as last half term.

How to help your child at home Please make sure that your child **reads for at least 20 minutes a day**, and of course, listening to their reading is invaluable for them. We will **change book bags on Tuesdays and Fridays**. Please make time for your child to **practise spellings for 10 minutes** a day. Spellings will be sent home on Friday and tested the next Friday.

Maths - We will be spending this half-term exploring multiplication and division. This will involve developing our understanding of how to use representations such as arrays and bar models and will be particularly focused on multiplying and dividing by 3, 4 and 8. We will also be looking at how to solve word problems for multiplication and division.

How to help your child at home. Practice times tables. We need to learn our 2,3,4,5,8 and 10 times tables over the year. Keep working on Mathletics tasks. There are videos and resources to help your child with their times tables. Homework sent home on Fridays reflects the learning we have been doing during the week so ask your child to tell you about what they understand. Use any opportunities to discuss number in your daily life such as when shopping and talking about time.

Blocked subjects (Geography, Science and DT)

We have started this half-term with our Science topic about light where children are learning about how we need light to see, how light reflects and how shadows are formed. In Geography we will be studying Rainforests to find out about the different layers of rainforests, the weather in rainforests and where in the world they are located. Finally, we will be exploring mechanisms in Design Technology in order to design and make a 'creature in a box' toy.

A message from your child's teacher

Severn Class have had a great start to Year 3 and we are looking forward to building on their developing independence and maturity in their learning this half-term. We have been proud of how hard they are working and how focused they are on doing their best.

Maggie will continue to be in the playground after school on Monday and Tuesday, and you will see Jane on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. If there is anything you would like to discuss please come and see us then, or we will always be happy to give you a call if you prefer.

Thanks, Jane, Maggie and Aisha

Gymnastics is on Thursday - please bring PE bags with clothes into school.

Drumming & Dance is on a Tuesday.

School starts at 8.50am and ends at 3.30pm.

Please collect your child from in front of the year 3 classroom in the main playground.

Please inform the school if your child is sick.